

CORRESPONDENT

Karie Comstock won first place in the first ever underwater pumpkin carving conby Green Flash Dive Inc. last Saturday in the waters off Lau Lau Beach in time for today's Halloween.

Comstock, who is a lawyer

lic Defender and is an expert scuba diver, took the inaugural plum with her entry of a gourd that was carved into a whalelike figure.

wanted to join an underwater pumpkin carving contest and the contest hosted by Green Flash Dive was her first chance.

was fun and a lot more difficult when you are underwater and trying to hold the pumpkin to cut little parts out and See COMSTOCK on Page 4 kins 30 feet down Lau Lau Beach last Saturday for the first Green Flash Dive Underwater Pumpkin Carving Contest. . CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Gas prices up 10 cents

By MARC A. VENUS

ive days after acting governor Arnold I. Palacios lifted the prize freeze that had been in effect in the CNMI for more than a year, gas prices went up yesterday by 10 cents at both Shell and Mobil gas stations.

start, increasing its gas prices day. Mobil gas stations fol-

Shell stations had a head by 10 cents at 12am Wednes-

lowed suit on Wednesday afternoon.

Both companies raise or lower their gas prices without prior notice but they typically mirror each other's price ad-

As of yesterday, Mobil Oil Mariana Islands Inc. and Mariana Acquisition Corp., which owns Shell Marianas, increased their gas prices from \$3.93 per gallon of Extra fuel

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DPS and DFEMS call off search

By MARC A. VENUS marc_venus@saipantribune.com REPORTER

Five days after the driver of an SUV drove over the Marpi cliff into the sea last Saturday, the Department of Public Safety and the Department of Fire and Emerfinally called off the search yesterday, and only the vehicle has been found but not the body of the victim.

DPS spokesperson Adrian Pangelinan confirmed that both DPS and DFEMS ended searching the oceans off Banzai Cliff last Tuesday, as Medical Services per standard protocol, which requires a search to be done for three consecutive days.

Pangelinan also confirmed that the victim's body has not been found as of yesterday.

The U.S. Coast Guard alone continued its search yesterday. In a statement, it affirmed that the search

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OPD: \$700 paid to Drug Enforcement Task Force's 'confidential source'

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE ferdie_delatorre@saipantribune.com REPORTER

The Office of the Public Defender said the CNMI Drug Enforcement Task Force's "confidential source" was paid \$700 for his role in a sting operation against a man now being charged with trafficking methamphetamine.

That \$700, which assistant public defender Stephanie Boutsicaris described as

a large sum of for perhaps a few hours' worth of work, is a huge motivator for the "confidential source."

Boutsicaris, who is counsel for defendant Xiao Ping Wang, said that large amount creates a strong incentive for the "confidential source" to please the police in order to keep these funds coming into his pockets.

Boutsicaris gave this argument in Wang's motion to compel the Office of the At-

torney General or any law enforcement agencies in the CNMI to provide Wang with some materials that are in their possession and are relevant to this case.

The materials that Wang is asking for include any communications between law enforcers and the "confidential source" to negotiate an agreement for services or to negotiate the price of services.

The defendant sought a

copy of any agreements to pay the "confidential source" for future events in his case, such as a promise to pay the "confidential source" for testimony or a promise to pay the "confidential source" if a conviction is obtained.

Wang also sought information on any other payments made by law enforcers to the "confidential source" for other cases, if there is any.

Boutsicaris said the requested evidence and information are material to Wang's defense, and that disclosure would be neither unreasonable nor oppressive to the government, but will facilitate a fair, efficient, and just disposition of the charges against him.

Boutsicaris said that, between December 2018 and February 2019, Wang is alleged to have committed three counts of trafficking methamphetamine.

The lawyer said two of these charges result from the Drug Enforcement Task Force's sting operations in which the "confidential source" was used.

Boutsicaris said all of the requested information would be exculpatory and material to Wang's case because the requested materials will be necessary to impeach the "confidential source" at trial, as well as potential evidentiary hearings.

Boutsicaris said the information regarding compensation on other cases is also necessary to demonstrate the "confidential source's" motivations.

"A confidential source getting a steady income from law enforcement officers will have an even stronger incentive to not contradict law enforcement officers," she said. If being paid \$700 is a strong motivator, any multiple of such a number will be an increasingly greater motivator for the "confidential source," Boutsicaris said.

This information, she added, will be extremely helpful in demonstrating the "confidential source's" bias.

Drug Enforcement Task Force arrested Wang on Capital Hill on Feb. 22, 2019, on three counts of trafficking a controlled substance for allegedly selling "ice" to the "confidential source" during sting operations.

High surf, high-risk rip currents today

A high surf advisory is currently in effect through Thursday afternoon and there is a high risk of rip currents through this afternoon.

Based on the information received from the National Weather Service in Tiyan, Guam, and compiled at the CNMI Emergency Operations Center-State Warning Point, larger long-period swells are causing hazardous surf in the CNMI.

These northeast swells are projected to persist across the region in the next few days and cause surf to reach hazardous levels on Tinian and Saipan.

Surf will reach hazardous levels of 6 to 9 feet along north facing shores and could peak as high as 10 feet last night before beginning to subside today.

Surf of 6 to 9 feet will cause a high risk of rip currents along north and east facing reefs.

The public is being advised not to venture out along north and east facing reefs and beaches. Breaking waves can knock you down and cause serious injuries. Strong rip currents will be life-threatening. (PR)



EARLY MORNING MISHAP

A vehicle ran into the fence in front of this house in Dandan, across the Shell gas station yesterday morning, triggering its driver's side airbag to deploy. It was not immediately known what caused the crash or if there was a fatality or if anyone was injured. The Department of Public Safety has yet to issue a statement about the incident.



Israel's claim stricken off record in Hillbroom's case

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE

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The federal court has struck from the record Vietnambased lawyer Barry J. Israel's claim that he had obtained a 1998 order from the Guam Guardianship Court that removed Junior Larry Hillbroom's mother, Kaelani Kinney, as his then-co-guardian.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona ruled that Israel did not obtain permission from the court to file his sur-reply.

Sur-reply refers to an additional response to a motion after the motion has already been briefed.

Manglona said Local Rule 7.1(c) allows for the filing of an opposition and reply to any motion filed in the District Court. However, the rule explicitly prohibits further filings without court's permission,

Manglona said she will not entertain any further filings from Israel or any other party relating to Israel's motion for summary judgment.

PSS co-op program targets private businesses

By MARC VENUS

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A Public School System program that exposes students to work in the private sector is looking at having its students join the private sector this school year as a means for students to take up the slack in labor needs.

Speaking at yesterday's meeting of the Society for Human Resource Management-NMI Chapter at the Charley's Cabaret of the Pacific Islands Club Saipan, Brandon Nicholas, coordinator of the PSS Cooperative Education program, said the move is intended to help relieve the labor shortage that the CNMI's private sector faces.

He acknowledged that the government sector does not have this problem and assured that the program fully supports the public sector and does not discourage students from pursuing employment in

However, also exposing students to job opportunities in the judge said.

Israel filed last Friday his sur-reply in support of his motion for summary judgment.

Hillbroom, through counsel, opposed the motion and asked that the sur-reply be stricken from the record.

In his sur-reply, Israel, through counsel Theodore R. Frank, said that a Dec. 23, 1998, court order that removed Kinney as co-guardian of Hillbroom is directly relevant of his (Israel) motion for summary judgment.

Frank noted that Hillbroom opposes Israel's motion for summary judgment in part by asserting that Kinney, as his co-guardian, was not notified of the 56% retainer or the application for its approval to the Guam Guardianship Court.

Frank said that notifying Kinney was no longer required because at the time the application to approve the 56% retainer occurred, Sept. 6, 2001, Kinney had already been removed as Hillbroom's co-guardian for almost three years.

In his lawsuit against his former lawyers Israel and David J. Lujan, Hillbroom alleges that the two, together with Hillbroom trustee Keith Waibel, conspired in 2001 to wrongfully increase their contingency fee when the estate of DHL co-founder Larry Hillblom was undergoing probate.

Frank disclosed that he became aware of the existence of the Guam Guardianship Court's 1998 order only last week, Oct. 23, when he received an email from a lawyer who is a colleague of Lujan.

Hillbroom is suing Israel, Lujan, and Waibel, alleging mismanagement of approximately \$90 million he inherited as heir of Larry Lee Hillblom, a co-founder and former owner of DHL Worldwide Express.

The jury trial in Hillbroom's lawsuit is currently set for Nov. 19, 2019.

Hillbroom, a Palauan, is one of the four DNA-proven children of Hillblom. His name is spelled differently from that of Hillblom. The three other children are Jellian Cuartero, a Filipino; Mercedita Feliciano, a Filipino; and Nguyen Be Lory, a Vietnamese.

Hillblom died in a seaplane crash off Anatahan waters on a flight from Pagan to Saipan on May 21, 1995, leaving behind an estate worth approximately \$550 million. The bodies of the pilot and a business partner were found, but Hillblom's body was never recovered.

the private sector widens their options and Nicholas encouraged businesses to sponsor the

program as it provides an op-

portunity to train and later hire

these students in the future. In school year 2018-2019, a total of 561 students participated in the co-op program. The largest industries served on Saipan were hospitality and food & beverage, while Rota and Tin-

in the retail industry. A total of 61 companies participated in the co-op program last school year, with 55 from the private sector and six from the public sector.

ian's largest industry served was

Co-op Education is an elective class provided by PSS high schools and consists of two parts: cooperative education and cooperative training, with the former focusing on in-campus education of business ethic and job training, while the latter is primarily onthe-job training. The program is inclusive, meaning that students of PSS high schools are

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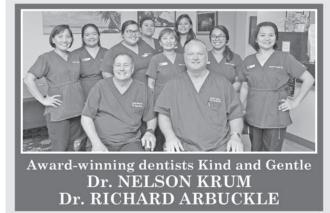


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stick everything together. Glad I joined," she said.

Carey Hong Blalock of Axe Murderer Tours Inc. won second place with the classic jacko-lantern carving with creepy eyes and smile, while scuba diver Madge Gai bagged third place with her "Rasta man" pumpkin entry, complete with seaweeds for dreadlocks.

"This activity is perfect to celebrate Halloween with divers who love to dive and do a unique activity underwater. ... We want to build local interest by creating fun activities that also promote camaraderie and beautiful dive sites on our island," said scuba instructor and Green Flash Dive owner Joey McDoulett.

"The divers went down 30 feet and they had to bring their own pumpkins. The pumpkins had to be prepped and cleaned before going down and they cannot draw on the pumpkin before they can go underwater as they have to do their artistic work in the water," McDoulett added.

The criteria for judging in-



Judges and participants hold up their pumpkin carving entries at the first Green Flash Dive Underwater Pumpkin Carving Contest.

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cluded creativity, uniqueness, and must follow the underwater/Halloween theme. Besides the whale-like gourd and the "Rasta man" entry, there was also a diver pumpkin with a

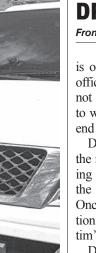
scuba regulator on.

With the success of this year's contest, McDoulett said a repeat next year is not a farfetched idea. "This is how we would like to give back to the

community because we feel that it's important for Saipan's environment that the community is invested in keeping our islands beautiful and promoting its uniqueness.'

Green Flash Dive, a pioneer in "hydrotastic test" equipment and scuba safety services in the CNMI, is located in Chinatown and is open from Monday to Sunday from 7am

to 7pm. For more information, call (670) 287-3243 or look up "Green Flash Dive Services" on Facebook and Instragram. Its website is greenflashdive.com.



The command center of Coast Guard Sector Guam was notified by the Saipan **Emergency Operations Center** around 7pm last Oct. 26 that DPS was responding to a vehicle that had gone over a cliff into the water in vicinity of

Coast Guard Sector Guam issued an Urgent Marine Information Broadcast, a tool used by the Coast Guard to alert the maritime public of a distress or potential distress situation, while also providing search patterns for the rescue boat crews and an air asset crew," the U.S. Coast Guard

Additionally, the U.S. Coast Guard cutter Washington was sent to help with the search on

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is ongoing, but public affairs officer Lt. Jonathan Girot did not clarify as of press time as to when the Coast Guard will end its search.

DPS continues to withhold the identity of the victim, saying they are still conducting the next-of-kin notification. Once the next-of-kin notification has been made, the victim's identity will be released.

DPS received a call late Saturday of an SUV driving over the Marpi cliff line at Banzai Cliff. DPS, together the DFEMS, USGC, and the U.S. Navy, searched the area since Saturday and only found the vehicle underwater on Sunday. No body was found.

Banzai Cliff.

the evening of Oct. 26, 2019.

So far, search efforts have covered about 434 squarenautical miles (about 575 square miles) over the course of five days, the USCG statement added.

On the first day of the search last Saturday, DPS officers noticed damage to World War II monuments and car parts around the cliff line. Officers also noticed items that appeared to be clothing and a bag drifting in the current.

A video of the floating items later surfaced on social media. DPS and DFEMS rescue boats were deployed and they searched the area Saturday, but it was later called off due to rough waters and it was already getting dark.

Search efforts continued on Sunday with DPS divers twice searching the waters off the cliff, while DPS and DFEMS rescue boats coordinated with the USCG and the U.S. Navy. Banzai Cliff was closed off Sunday as DPS, DFEMS, USCG, and the U.S. Navy continued the search for the victim.

Rescue teams were able retrieve the vehicle from the water, but no victim was found in it. The search was called off at 5pm Sundav.

Search efforts continued on Monday, with DPS boats and its Search and Rescue Unit searching further north and at Wing Beach, while USCG helicopters searched the oceans within the scene. No victim was found and searches were called off.



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to \$4.04 per gallon and their Supreme fuel price rose from \$4.30 a gallon to \$4.40. Diesel prices also saw a 10-cent increase, from \$4.32 per gallon to \$4.42 per gallon.

Matt, who asked that his last name be withheld, said he was not surprised with the price

increase, saying this was to be expected.

"It has been about a year since gas prices have been raised," he said.

Karl, who became aware of the adjustments only yesterday morning, was saddened by this development, saying it just creates another difficult situation for everyone. "It's hard enough that the cost of living is slowly increasing

year after year, but the current instability of gas prices just adds to the struggles of balancing our finances in our household."

This is the first gas price increase in the CNMI this year, since gas prices have been frozen following the issuance of Executive Order 2019-14 on Oct. 25, 2018, that imposed the price freeze on select commodities.

matters.

price freeze.

The training will be for a total of one semester and students are required to complete 60 training hours per month during the semester, which totals about three months. Scheduling will vary between the student and the hiring company.

This order to freeze the

prices of basic commodities

in the CNMI was declared a

day after Gov. Ralph DLG

Torres declared a state of sig-

nificant emergency through

Executive Order 2018-16

on Oct. 26, 2018. Gas, ker-

osene, diesel fuel, natural

gas, and all chemical fuels,

whether gaseous, liquid, or

solid, were included in the

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allowed to participate and all are allowed to take the co-op class. However, only juniors and seniors are allowed to participate in on-the-job training.

The requirements to join the cooperative training include:

Students must be 16 and above for liability purposes;

Students must maintain a 2.0 GPA;

Students must have good attendance and have no disciplinary problems;

Students must provide a

social security number for stipend payments.

Through the program, students who work with the private sector will be able to receive three total stipends for one semester. They will be evaluated on performance appraisals, work-issued time cards, and other pertinent

said in a statement.

FIRST FRIDAY AT **MARIANAS CREATIONS**

Event to benefit animal welfare group

The "First Friday" event series continues at Marianas Creations on Friday, Nov. 1, from 5pm ty for the community to support to 10pm, this time to benefit our local artists. We are excited

the animal wel->> Costumes are fare group, Saipan

encouraged Cares for Animals. The First Fri-

day events showcase local art, and allow the community to meet the artists. Artists, such as Greg Elliott, will be at the event showing his latest works. New jewelry from Tasi Treasures in Guam will also be introduced.

Inas Kitchen again joins

Marianas Creations as FOR RESERVATIONS: the culinary **670-488-1924** partner for the "We **670-783-1924** event. are excited to sales@marianascreations.com again be col-

laborating for First Friday," said chef Francisco "Sonny" Sablan. "We're offering a new menu for this Halloween event, and vegan alternatives for every menu item."

This First Friday will simultaneously also be the Black Cat Masquerade by Saipan Cares for Animals. There will be raffles throughout the night for great prizes, and all funds will benefit SCA. Costumes or

masks are highly encouraged.

"First Friday is an opportuni-

to be joined again by Inas Kitchen," said Elina Gharti Chhetri, owner of

Marianas Creations. "Saipan Cares for Animals is an incredible local organization which will benefit from everyone's support Friday night."

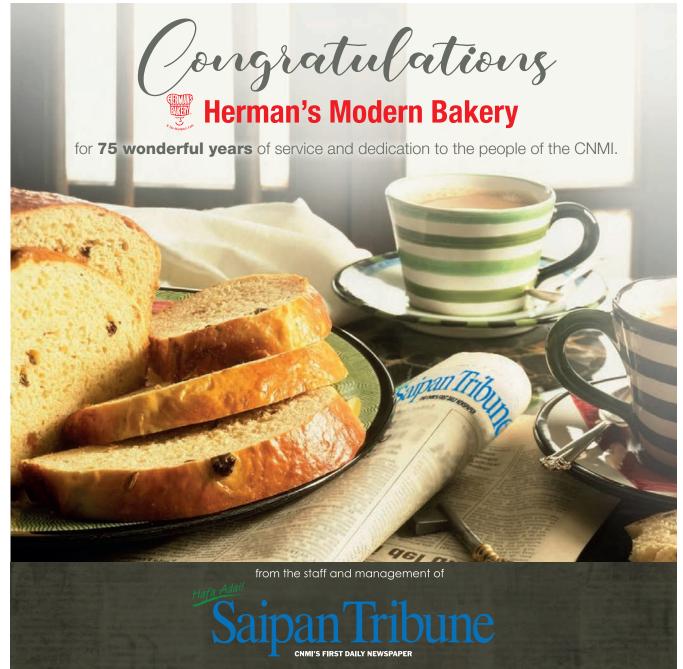
The "First Friday" concept is a popular event series hosted in cities around the world. Typically, the events focus on

promoting local art and culture.

Marianas Creations is currently soliciting

artists interested in showcasing their work to contact the shop. Additionally, they are seeking anyone who produces local products to contact the shop.

Marianas Creations is located on Micro Beach Road next to Everest Kitchen and Bridge Capital LLC. They can be reached on Facebook, Instagram, by phone 488-1924, or email sales@marianascreations.com. (PR)







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USCIS updates fee waiver requirements

WASHINGTON—U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services has revised Form I-912,

criteria

provides

clarity for

eligibility

Request for Fee >>> Revised Waiver, by removing the means-tested benefit criteria that was previously used as a factor determining whether an appli-

cant was exempt from paying for filing fees or biometric ser-

Individuals may still request a fee waiver if their documented annual household income is at or below 150% of the federal poverty guidelines or they demonstrate financial hardship.

A means-tested benefit is a public benefit—offered by federal, state, or local agencies-for which eligibility and amount considerations are based on a person's income and resources. USCIS formerly considered Medicaid, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, Temporary Assistance to Needy Families, and Supplemental Security Income during eligibility evaluations.

USCIS has determined that receiving a means-based benefit is not an appropriate criteria in reviewing fee-waiver requests because income levels used to

decide local assistance eligibility vary greatly from state to state.

"USCIS relies on fees to

cover the costs of adjudicating plications and petitions, implementing operational efforts, demonstrating and ensuring the nation's lawful immigration system is

properly administered," said USCIS Acting Director Ken Cuccinelli. "USCIS waives hundreds of millions of dollars in fees annually. The revised fee waiver process will improve the integrity of the program and the quality and consistency of fee waiver approvals going forward. Providing clear direction to agency adjudicators for more uniform determinations will help us to uphold our mission of efficiently and fairly adjudicating immigration requests."

USCIS has estimated that the annual dollar amount of fee waivers increased from around \$344.3 million in fiscal year 2016 to \$367.9 million in FY 2017. In FY 2018, the estimated annual dollar amount of fee waivers USCIS granted was \$293.5 million. Fee revenues account for more than 95% of the USCIS budget.

Under the revised criteria,

fee waiver if:

Their documented annual household income is at or below 150% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines; or

They demonstrate financial hardship.

However, USCIS will require applicants to complete Form I-912 and submit supporting documentation, includ-

individuals may still request a ing federal income tax transcripts. USCIS will not accept a letter stating the applicant is unable to afford filing fees or biometric services without a completed Form I-912.

As of Dec. 2, those seeking a fee waiver must submit the Dec. 24, 2019, version of this form to request a waiver of a required fee for immigration benefits. After Dec. 2,

USCIS will reject any Form I-912 with an edition date of March 13, 2018, or earlier, a fee waiver request submitted with a letter, or documentation of receipt of means-tested benefit to show eligibility for a fee waiver. USCIS will adjudicate any fee waiver request postmarked before Dec. 2 under the previous policy, AFM 10.9, Waiver of Fees.

The new form does not change the applications and petitions that are eligible for a fee waiver. For the list of eligible applications and petitions, see the Form I-912 Instructions. In addition, USCIS has updated policy guidance in the USCIS Policy Manual to accompany this form revision. The updated policy guidance is effective on Dec. 2. *(USCIS)*

Over 100 served in Koblerville medical mission

Over 100 Koblerville residents were able to avail of free medical services at the medical mission the Pentecostal Missionary Church of Christ (4th Watch) hosted Sunday afternoon at the Hannam Supermarket parking lot.

The mission, held as part of the celebration of the church's 20th anniversary, provided free services such blood sugar and blood pressure checks, facial cleansing, haircuts, and massages. Reading glasses and bags of toiletries were also given away.

"We are very thankful for this mission to help us to improve and maintain our health in good condition. I find this very helpful," said John Cabrera, who lives in the area.

Another community mem-



Koblerville residents avail of free blood pressure and blood sugar checks at the medical mission conducted by the Pentecostal Missionary Church of Christ (4th Watch) Sunday afternoon at the Hannam Supermarket parking lot.

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gratefulness for the medical mission, and hopes that the church continues to support and help others.

ber, Albert Peralta, expressed

Members of the PMMC and Magic Touch Salon's Rhea Cauzon all volunteered for the event.

PMMC pastor Claire Javillonar said they were overwhelmed by the number of people who came to the mission.

"We would like to thank all the volunteers, Hannam's Market for the venue, giveaways and refreshments for the volunteers, and the people of Koblerville who took time to go there and receive and be blessed by all the free services we offered."

The next medical mission will be on Nov. 24, Sunday, 2pm-6pm, at the Minachom Atdao Pavilion in Kilili Beach in Susupe, in celebration of Thanksgiving Day.

For more information, contact Javillonar at 789-7566. (Iva Maurin)

Amphibious group, Marines unit visit Guam

SANTA RITA, Guam—The Boxer Amphibious Ready Group and the 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit arrived at Apra Harbor in Santa Rita on Oct. 30.

The ARG includes the amphibious assault ship USS Boxer, amphibious transport dock ship USS John P. Murtha, and amphibious dock landing ship USS Harpers Ferry.

Harpers Ferry arrived in Guam last Oct. 28. The 11th MEU is deployed with Boxer ARG and serves as a theater reserve and crisis response force.

The ARG's port visit brings approximately 3,300 Marines and 1,900 sailors to Guam.

"Guam plays a very important role to the U.S. Navy's overall mission," said Capt. Jeffrey Grimes, U.S. Naval Base Guam commanding officer. "For the ARG, this is an opportunity to re-supply and complete any maintenance. For the Sailors and Marines, it is an opportunity for them to enjoy the heritage, culture, and



U.S. NAVY/VALERIE MAIGUE

The Boxer Amphibious Ready Group and the 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit arrived at Apra Harbor in Santa Rita on Oct. 30.

first-hand."

While on Guam, sailors from Boxer will volunteer on Nov. 1 at Piti Santos Park and Island Girl Power. Sailors will participate in a beautification project at the park and help clear the IGP Nature Park trail, plant trees, and organize items in the IGP thrift store.

The Boxer ARG/11th MEU

beauty that Guam has to offer, is deployed to the U.S. 7th Fleet area of operations to support regional stability, reassure partners and allies, and maintain a presence postured to respond to any crisis, ranging from humanitarian assistance to contingency operations. The ARG/MEU departed their home port of San Diego for a regularly scheduled deployment on May 1. (PR)

Pet owners urged to push passage of animal rights bill

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stabbed in the head with a knife circulated on social me-

Pictures of a dog that was dia yesterday, highlighting the ing to Rep. Edwin K. Propst need for an animal protection law in the CNMI, accord-

(Ind-Saipan).

The dog, which had a knife embedded about 2-3 inches into her head, is now recovering from surgery.

Propst, who has been championing the animal rights protection bill, House Bill 21-59 HS1, in the CNMI, appealed to members of the community to call their senators and urge them to pass the bill.

"It is heartbreaking and truly frustrating to see that domesticated animals like this dog can get stabbed in the head. There are, to this day, still no laws against doing such horrible, cruel acts," Propst said.

The CNMI House of Representatives recently passed t House Bill 21-59 HS1; the bill is now with the Senate.

Propst said that the CNMI is currently the only place in the entire United States and all its territories that has zero animal protection law for domesticated animals.

"I am hoping that all community members who care about their dogs and cats, and pets will urge their senators to pass this bill expeditiously so that we can finally, once and for all, have some animal protection laws in place," Propst added.

The U.S. Congress recently unanimously passed H.R. 724, or Preventing Animal Cruelty and Torture Act, which would make animal cruelty a federal offense.

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COTA to provide free rides at Monster Mash

REPORTER

With so many events to go to and choose from, children all over the islands are excited for their Halloween trick-or-treating today!

Children on Saipan will have their trick-or-treat baskets full today:

- Trunk-or-Treat event hosted by the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library at its parking lot from 2:30pm to 5:30pm;
- A Trunk-or-Treat event hosted by Atkins Kroll at its Toyota showroom in Oleai from 6pm to 9pm;
- Dandan Middle School's My WAVE club is hosting a Halloween evening at the annual DMS Trick O' Treat from 5pm until all the treats are given away.
- The Commonwealth Utilities Corp.'s Trunk-or-Treat from 5pm to 7pm at the Joeten Dandan parking lot.
 - Monster Mash at the

Garapan Fishing Base, with the parade starting at the American Memorial Park at 7pm.

Government offices, led by the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs, have pulled together resources to make the first-ever Monster Mash a treat for the children

The Saipan Mayor's Office will be having a booth at the Garapan Fishing Base, and are ready to give away thousands of bags of treats.

DCCA Secretary Robert H. Hunter said the Commonwealth Office of Transit Authority will be providing rides between the American Memorial Park and the Garapan Street Market from 6:30pm to 9pm, free of charge, for the public participating in the Halloween parade.

"You can park at the AMP and catch a ride back to your car after the parade or after enjoying the candy handouts,

costume contests and other Halloween fun at the Garapan Street Market," Hunter said, "or you can park at the Garapan Street Market and catch a COTA ride over to the AMP to participate in the parade and have your car at the parade route's end!"

Following the parade is a costume contest and the announcement of the Scarecrow Show winner.

"Prizes will be given in child, adult, and group costume categories for the best self-made costumes. You must be in the parade to qualify," Hunter said.

Children can also go all-out trick or treating at the Halloween Row at the Street Market.

The Marianas Monster Mash is free and open to everyone. For more information about the event, visit DCCA's social media pages at @dccamarianas, call 788-2478, or email at dccamarianas@

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GCA students pray for other countries in Parade of Nations



Grace Christian Academy's first-grade students present the Bahamas as the country that they are praying for in celebration of GCA's Parade of Nations last Friday at the GCA chapel. Each grade level chose a country to represent in celebration of GCA's annual mission convention. MARC A. VENUS

Grace Christian Academy ended its annual mission convention last week with a Parade of Nations at the GCA chapel last Friday.

School principal Beth Nunez said the Parade of Nations enables each of the school's grades to pray for a country of their choice. Nunez said the goal is for students to look beyond themselves and understand the needs outside of themselves, and care about other countries and other people.

This year's convention theme was "Every Tribe, Every Nation."

The Parade of Nations featured the following countries: South Korea, Japan, the Bahamas, Australia, Greece, Papua New Guinea, China, India, Spain, Russia, Mexico, Ireland, France, and Brazil. Each country was selected by the grade levels and were showcased through performances and fashion shows.

Nunez said the first graders impressed her the most, as their presentation on the Bahamas shows that they care for a country that is currently recovering from a devastating hurricane, just like Saipan did after Super Typhoon Yutu. "It is more than showing the traditional costumes, as students learned about their countries and praved for them as well." she said. (Marc A. Venus)

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Another mass shooting in Texas: We need to get angry, not complacent

he weekend saw yet another evildoer open fire on innocent victims _ this time carnage at a crowded party of young people near Greenville celebrating college homecoming festivities.

Two more dead people and at least six others injured in yet another mass shooting in this state. That more of the hundreds who were gathered Saturday night weren't killed or injured sadly feels like a victory.

That should sicken us all.

Because these killings are happening so often, there's a frightening risk of relegating them to just more-of-the-same. And there's a sense of urgency right after one of these horrors to do something about them that tends to wane in the following months.

But this state can't afford to get complacent and not press ahead with finding reasonable solutions to this senseless violence. There was even gunfire at a vigil for one of the victims on Sunday at a Pleasant Grove park.

On Monday afternoon, authorities arrested Brandon Ray Gonzales on a capital murder charge. He had been on the loose since the shooting. They still don't know of a motive.

What we know is that police say around midnight Saturday, a man used a handgun to shoot the victims who were at a party venue as nearby Texas A&M University-Commerce celebrated homecoming weekend.

The bloody scene left Kevin Berry Jr., a 23-year-old from Dallas, and Byron Craven, also 23, of Arlington, dead, authorities said. They add to a growing list of Texas mass shooting fatalities. Recent back-to-back shooting massacres in Texas left 29 people dead in El Paso and Odessa in less than a month

After those tragedies, this newspaper applauded Texas leaders for their proposals on common-sense strategies for tackling these tragedies.

First Gov. Greg Abbott issued executive orders aimed at better information sharing and training for local and state law enforcement agencies. And leaders of both chambers of the Texas Legislature announced they would form interim committees to create policies to prevent this kind of violence and improve public safety.

Even Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, a staunch supporter of the National Rifle Association, said he will defy the organization and work to close a loophole in the law that doesn't require background checks for stranger-to-stranger sales of firearms.

Those are steps in the right direction. But we've had enough talking. We're past the time for needed action.

People ought to be able to gather at a party without worrying that they will be shot. It was a gathering of young people in Greenville this weekend, and it could be where any of us are gathered tomorrow.

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There's got to be a 'Morning After' for American democracy

s Richard Nixon speechwriter William Safire tells it, another campaign aide first noticed the sign during a whistle-stop train tour of the rural Midwest in the waning days of the 1968 campaign. The handlettered message held aloft during a stop in tiny Deshler, Ohio, spoke to the cleavages of a bitter political year defined by assassination, rioting and Vietnam.

Nixon made the sign the centerpiece of his victory speech the morning after his election. As the president-elect said earnestly, "A teenager held up a sign, 'Bring Us Together.' And that will be the great objective of this administration at the outset, to bring the American people together."

OK, it did not work out that way. But as the Rolling Stones' refrain that rings out at every Donald Trump rally puts it, "You can't always get what you want."

A surprising thing happened, though, after Nixon resigned in 1974, one step ahead of the impeachment posse. Jerry Ford's presidency (defined by his unpopular, but laudable, Nixon pardon) ushered in two decades that, for the most part, shimmer in memory as a time of national civility.

There were sharp political differences during this period over the size of government, taxes and the Cold War. But aside from scorched-earth Supreme Court confirmation battles over Robert Bork and Clarence Thomas, there was significantly less of the venom and vitriol that define contemporary politics.

If there was a benchmark that ushered in the contemporary era of "Tear Us Apart," it was the triumph of Newt Gingrich in the 1994 midterm elections. While Gingrich as speaker notably cooperated with Bill Clinton in working toward a balanced budget and on foreign policy, he also carried with him the conviction that politics was a blood sport, in which the goal was to permanently cripple your ideological rivals.

The point is not to review in detail the sorry political history of the last quarter century. Especially since a few phrases like the Starr Report, "Mission Accomplished," and Merrick Garland bring it all back. But it is a reminder that the descent into the gutter didn't begin with Trump and probably won't end with his presidency.

It is worth pondering, though, what the reaction might be if a retro-minded teenager held up a sign reading "Bring Us Together" at a rally for a 2020 presidential candidate.

If it occurred at a Trump rally, the sign-holder would probably be booed and roughly escorted out of the arena for even hinting that the president is divisive or that civility is possible with "human scum" and "enemies of the state."

If Bernie Sanders saw such a sign, he would probably loudly bellow that unity is impossible as long as the rich are atop a "rigged system." Elizabeth Warren would take a softer approach, explaining, "I have a plan for that," even though little about her detailed economic policies would enhance a sense of shared in-

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vestment in American democracy.

Joe Biden, in contrast, would smile brightly when he saw the sign and say, "No kidding. That's exactly why I'm running." Then the former vice president would launch into a rambling story about a segregationist senator who was kind to him after he arrived in Washington in 1973, grieving over the death of his wife and child.

In all seriousness, it would be glorious to return to an era when the sense of collective participation in a democracy was the norm in Washington rather than dress-up behavior reserved for solemn occasions like the funeral of Elijah Cummings.

All of this brings us to impeachment.

Those like me who believe, based on the compelling public evidence so far, that a Senate trial of Trump is justified have to also weigh another factor. And that is what such a titanic event would do to the already badly frayed strands of American democracy.

The White House and Fox News will bellow that this is an illegitimate inquiry designed to overturn the 2016 election—even though it would be Mike Pence, and not Hillary Clinton, who would, in theory, succeed Trump.

One way to counter those inevitable charges is for the House Democrats to be sticklers for proper procedure. Nancy Pelosi did the right—if badly belated—thing Monday afternoon by announcing that the House would vote on a formal impeachment inquiry.

But the larger question is to consider the consequences if congressional Democrats did nothing in the face of Trump shaking down the president of Ukraine for dirt on Hunter Biden.

In that case, all future administrations would be free to utilize what might be called the Mick Mulvaney precedent. It was Mulvaney who said, in one of the most ham-handed remarks coming from the Trump White House, "There's going to be political influence in foreign policy. Get over it."

Every future president—including Democratic ones—could also utilize the William Barr defense to stifle threatening congressional inquiries. Trump's use of an extreme version of executive privilege would set the model for the legal strategy to try to turn Congress into a rubber stamp legislature with the inde-

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When adults bully adults, kids suffer

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some parts of the planet. "Every day thousands of young people experience bullying from their peers while at school, after school in their neighborhoods, and even when they are at home, through social media and texts," PACER points out. Founded in 2006, PACER is a National Bullying Prevention Center (wwwpacer.org).

But, here's my question. How do we as adults hope to prevent bullying among our youth when adults can be some of the vilest verbal word-villains?

A 2019 article in The Chicago Tribune tells the snarly story. An Illinois freelance writer, Melissa Blake, wrote a recent anti-Trump op-ed piece for CNN. A mob of mean mug-thugs hurled hurtful names: fat, potato, blobfish.

Blake tweeted back with such dignity and grace she's my new heroine. She showed three happy selfie pics and educated the mug-thugs about Freeman-Sheldon Syndrome, a genetic bone and muscular disorder. She's experienced 26 surgeries. Say howdy to her at melissablakeblog.com.

I'll admit that I wanted to smear Gorilla Glue Epoxy on the cyberbully's malicious lips. And dip their foul fingertips in battery acid.

"Most of us encounter adult bullies at certain points in our lives. An adult bully can be an intimidating boss or colleague, a controlling romantic partner, an unruly neighbor, a high-pressure sales/business representative, a condescending family member, a shaming social acquaintance, or other types of abusive relationships," surmised a 2016 online article at Psychology Today.

An adult bully can also be a president, a politician, a professor, a physician, a police officer, a TV producer, preacher, a parent, a partner, or a peer. A bully likes power and control. "It's my way or the highway." Bullies can often be found in positions of power.

Being bullied goes right to our core and we feel disrespected and treated unfairly. We expect adults to act and react with maturity not with a total toxic tongue. Bullying behavior is a consistent and intentional pattern of intimidation, harassment, or aggression. In a 2018 article on the Ohio State University Wexner Medi-

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Making America friendly again

This nation and its voters are in trouble. Both political parties are destroying each other with cries of corruption and other denigrating epithets to the point where voters will be hard-pressed to vote for any of the current array of presidential candidates. President Trump has succeeded in putting our nation in total disarray, making voters confused, to say the least. As an independent voter I would opt for "none of the above" if the polling place had that choice. In the meantime we have a year to watch and read about what each party will put forth to satisfy voters. Perhaps a "sanity clause" from both parties would ease tensions for all concerned. And I don't want to hear the old saying, 'There ain't no sanity clause' from either side. Whoever is elected president will have one heck of a job "Making America friendly again"!

Herb Stark

Mooresville, NC

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pendence of the Russian Duma.

Impeachment, especially if the Senate verdict is a mostly party-line affair, will be a wrenching moment that will further divide America into warring factions that would make the Hatfields and the McCoys seem like blood brothers. But the only worse outcome would be for Congress to avert its eyes from Trump's impeachable behavior.

In the end, my enduring hope is taken from the greatest soundtrack to a Hollywood disaster movie. In the 1973 shipwreck saga, "The Poseidon Adventure," Maureen McGovern sang, "There's got to be a morning after."

As I contemplate our political system after Trump's willful destruction of democratic norms, I certainly hope so.

ctober is National Bullying Prevention Month in cal Center website, Ken Yeager, Ph.D. reported, "Adults are being bullied at levels similar to adolescents, according to a 2017 survey conducted on behalf of the American Osteopathic Association. The online survey of more than 2,000 U.S. adults found that 31 percent of Americans have been bullied as an adult. The survey defined bullying as being subjected to repeated, negative behavior intended to harm or intimidate.'

> Again, I ask the same question. How do we as adults hope to prevent bullying among our youth when adults can be belligerent bullies?

> And reality TV shows are ripe with bullying behaviors. It appears that competition can bring out the snarky, nasty, and ghastly: threats, personal attacks, manipulation. Pathetic producers pander the performance drama for ratings. Folks, just change the channel.

> Bill O'Reilly, former Fox News Host, was finally fired—he reigns as the classic bully of the on-air culture of a host bullying guests. And Judge Judy is Queen Mean.

"Simple peck-order bullying is only the beginning of the kind

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of hierarchical behavior that can lead to racism, sexism, ethnocentrism, classism, and all the other 'isms' that cause so much suffering in the world," surmised Octavia Butler.

As adults we must continue to role model and teach the Golden Rule to our children. I ask another question. Can we create a world without bullying?

Halloween frights and politics that go bump in the night

ometimes I'm so exhausted with the incessant tribal whine of politics that I'd just rather have the wits scared out of me. That way I don't have to think about the dark, sinister political arts.

"Why not write a Halloween column?" said a helpful editor, when I broke down weeping, telling her I just couldn't take politics anymore this week.

Over-the-top Halloween haunted houses aren't scary. Please. I did hear about a good one in Tennessee, but they make you wear costumes, perhaps of fur, and that's not my metier. I'm not writing about the horrors of candy corn, either. Americans are tribal about candy corn for Halloween.

And candy corn sucks and candy corn columns suck (yes, I know) but I don't give two figs anymore.

"I mean a Halloween nightmare," said the editor. "Like, what really scares you, John Kass?"

What really scares me for Halloween? What curdles my blood? Well, how about being locked in a dark elevator alone with Sen. Mitt "Pierre Delecto" Romney? That's scary. A senator with a fake Twitter handle like "Pierre Delecto" is quite obviously deranged. And in an elevator, perhaps even a cannibal. The only thing worse than being eaten alive by Sen. Delecto, with a side of Jell-O (Utah's official favorite snack), would be getting locked in a dark elevator with former Ohio Gov. John Kasich. The man is a sniveler. And snivelers always get mean in the dark.

Hillary 2020 scares the pants off me. She'll denounce everyone as a tool of Putin and that cackling laugh terrifies people. Her fellow Democrat Michelle Obama 2020 is scary, too, but not as a candidate. Just because I couldn't take four more years of the Beltway media wagging their tails like puppies and wetting the carpets in wiggly glee over the Obamas. American journalism still hasn't gotten over it.

Republican Kellyanne Conway is certainly terrifying, especially when threatening to use the might of the Trump White House to delve into the personal life of a Washington Examiner reporter, just for writing a story Conway didn't like. I heard the tape. Conway is positively medieval, in a Real Washington Wives way. You could imagine her in another time, as the servant of Cardinal Richelieu, ordering the removal of tongues.

Yeah, I know, Richelieu didn't live in the middle ages, but please just stuff your mouth with more candy corn. This is my nightmare, not yours.

Speaking of which, Chinese President Xi Jinping recently offered a special Halloween treat. He said the Hong Kong protesters—who insist on bothersome ideas such as freedom—may have their "bodies smashed and bones ground to powder."

But please, don't say anything about Chinese dissidents being ground into powder, or NBA analyst Charles Barkley will tell you to "shut the (bleep) up." And all the other NBA woke warriors who have no problem condemning America, and who serve President Xi, will call you terrible names. Then they'll wash their hands in the powdered bones.

See? See what happens? Every time I try to get away from politics, I always get sucked back in.

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Eventually, as university faculties teach us not only what not to say, but how not to think, we'll feel better. Already the young think the First Amendment "goes too far." They will grind our bones and make crackers of us, but everyone has seen that old movie.

"Will you just stop?" said Betty. "Pick a movie."

OK, but I'm not going to go out and watch "The Joker," which is reportedly about some leftist madman killing capitalists. I see too many of them in my professional life. They're not killers yet, exactly, but they're being groomed by the New Jacobins for the reign of terror to come. They'll take the heads of all the writers first, starting with liberals who mistakenly think they'll be able to reason with the Jacobins.

Fools.

Don't they read history?

"Just pick a movie," said Betty, again.

Good idea. I looked for the one about middle-class taxpayers left to starve on an island until they begin killing each other over meager resources, but they haven't made that one. Yet. All I really wanted to do was veg out on the couch with a healthy snack of green apple slices, and scare myself to death, with Betty and Zeus the Wonder Dog there just in case it was

Flipping through what's available on cable, I finally found what I thought was a scary one and ran the trailer: A meteor crashes into the backyard of a nice, but childless couple. Inside the meteor is a beautiful baby boy. It begins like "Superman," but the boy is really an invincible evil alien, in the body of a boy, and he slaughters everyone with superpowers and his "mom" hides under the kitchen counter, screaming as the "boy" smashes through the walls in a demonic rage.

Nice kitchen, I said.

"No," Betty said. "Turn it off! No!"

OK, not scary enough, I get it.

"Will you please pick a movie?"

I didn't select "Notting Hill" (again) because it irritates Betty when I say the Julia Roberts lines. We found "Isn't It Romantic" starring Rebel Wilson, about a young woman who thinks she'll never find true love, but then, finds it. It was sweet.

Romantic comedies aren't scary, nobody loses their souls, and they're full of candy corn. But terrifying yourself isn't easy.

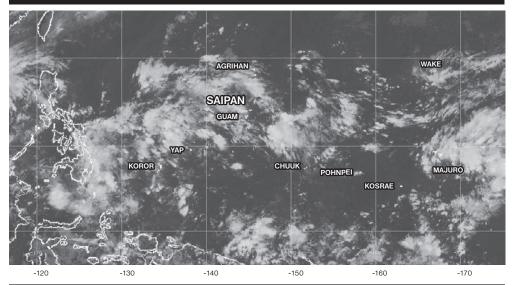
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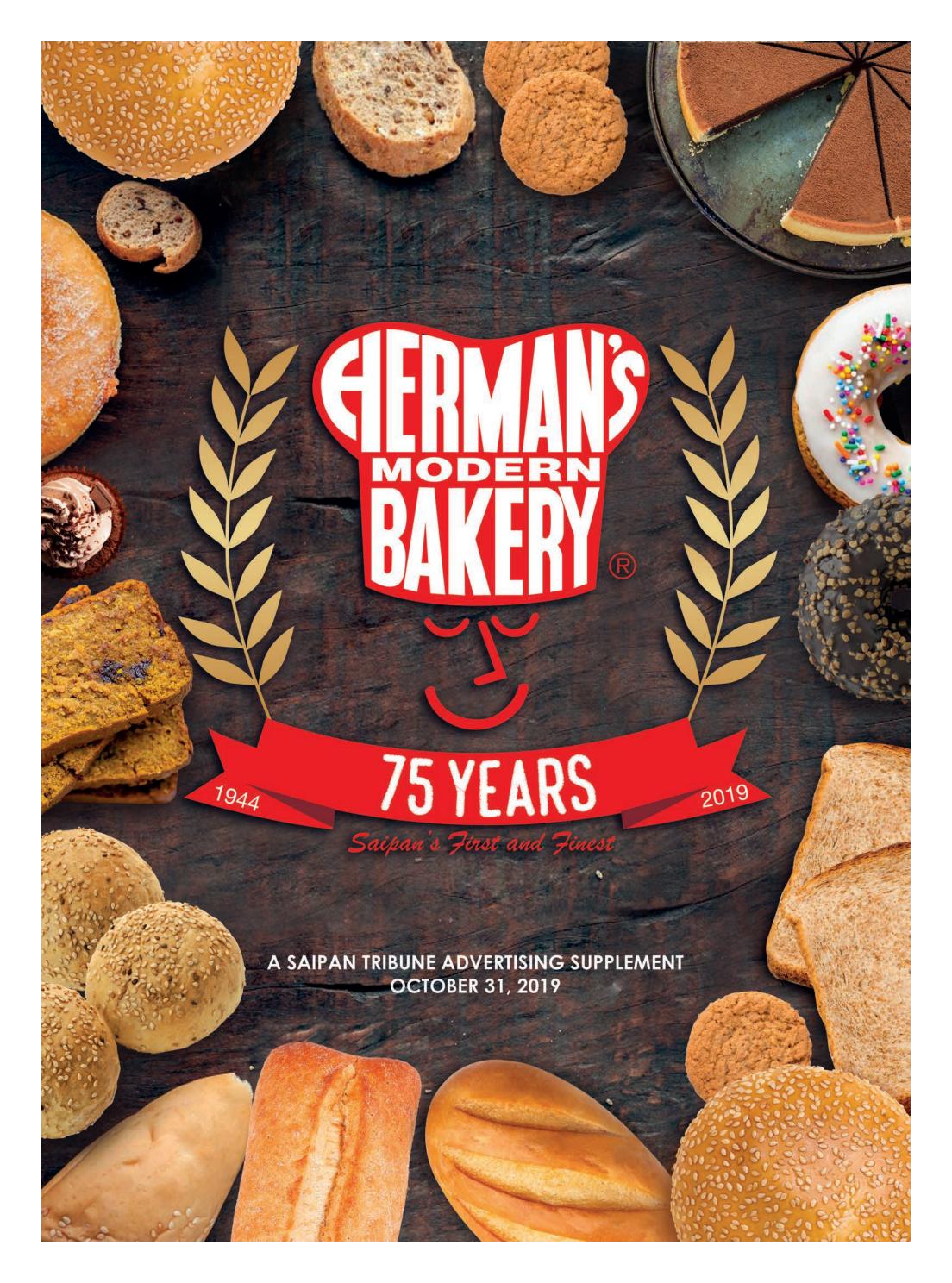
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The old Herman's Modern Bakery in Chalan Kanoa near the U.S. Post Office.



By BEA CABRERA CORRESPONDENT

erman's Modern Bakery was founded from the ashes of World War II, soon after the Commonwealth crawled out of the stupor and misery of war in 1944. Herman R. Guerrero and his wife, Maria C. Tenorio-Guerrero, were driven by the idea that, through baking, generosity flows.

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Herman R. Guerrero and U.S. military officials inspect Herman's Modern Bakery in Chalan Kanoa.

Throughout the years, that seed of an idea was nurtured and cultivated by the couple's descendants, starting with their children—Jesus "Chung' Guerrero, Agnes Guerrero, Herman T. Guerrero, Juan "Pan" Guerrero, Florencio "Bobby" Guerrero, Margarita Guerrero, Annie G. Hayes, Rudolfo Guerrero, Joseph "Lee Pan" Guerrero and Leonora Guerrero—who carefully reared the seeds of that idea and used it to expand some more, making the bakery a sanctuary of locally produced bread and pastries that caters to a diverse market here and abroad and as a medium to 'give back to the community.'

According to Herman's Modern Bakery chief executive officer Herman T. Guerrero, he and his family do not have a definite date as to when the first bakery opened 75 years ago.

"From the stories of relatives and family friends, at the tail end of the war, the Japanese and local people were gathered in Camp Susupe and Camp Chalan Kanoa and the U.S. military was looking for a baker to feed them," he said.







Herman's Modern Bakery president Herman T. Guerrero poses by the family wall that tells the story about the 75 years that the bakery has been in business and the Guerrero clan who makes it successful and carry out their parents' legacy to this day.

"Gregorio Sablan, the grandfather of Congressman Kilili, who was a respected elder, was neighbors with my grandparents and knew that my father [Herman R. Guerrero] used to work at a Japanese bakery called 'Shimada Bakery' in Garapan. Sablan recommended my father," he said.

Immediately after that, Herman R. Guerrero was conscripted by the U.S. military to bake bread to feed Camp Susupe.

Eventually, the indigenous residents were separated from the Japanese and were brought to Camp Chalan Kanoa. That is where Herman R. Guerrero expanded his customers to include the local residents.

After the war, Herman R. Guerrero continued baking and the U.S. military encouraged him to turn it into a business.

"He was given equipment and contacts of suppliers," said HMB general manager Annie G. Hayes. "My father was actually allowed to bring in the flour and other ingredients that he needed to produce the products [everyday]. ...They also suggested that he start charging perhaps 5 cents for a loaf of bread."

Herman's Modern Bakery was born. The first official Herman's bakery was located near the post office in Chalan Kanoa, behind the site where the Kevin's Department Store used to be, and this was the transition from feeding a camp to the birth of a business. It was in 1979 that the main bakery along Airport Road opened.

When the first bakery opened, generosity was but a natural part of the operations. Aside from continuing to help the community, they also gave free bread to the Mercedarian nuns and priests for a number of years until the convent started baking their own bread.

"My mother used to say that when the church asks for something, do not hesitate to give," Herman T. Guerrero said.

He recalls that the bakery's first customers knew when to go to the store to get freshly baked bread. "The late Bishop Camacho used to say that he could smell at a certain time of day when the bread is ready because the scent permeates though the neighborhood. People will just come and buy and for only 5 cents they can get a big loaf of bread," he said.

"Our early products were the loaf bread, sweet bread and pastries like the Chamorro and sponge cake....These were the products that the elders remember eating in the early years of the bakery," he said.

As the years passed, Herman's Modern Bakery just kept adding products that were popular with their customers.

"When we find a recipe, we develop them to do some sampling and we pick a day when we have a lot of foot traffic and then we just have it available for customers to 'taste test' it. It is through them that we know if a product is worth pursuing as we rely

It has been always about the community.
...If you have a family and you are responsible for providing and feeding them, you want to make sure that the quality is there.

on their feedback," Hayes said.

They also do it when a recently hired baker comes aboard, whether they have a specialty, or a particular recipe that they have done over the years.

"We would ask them, 'What is your best product or cake that you can produce,' then we have them do it and we do sampling. If we like it personally, then we develop it further," Hayes added.

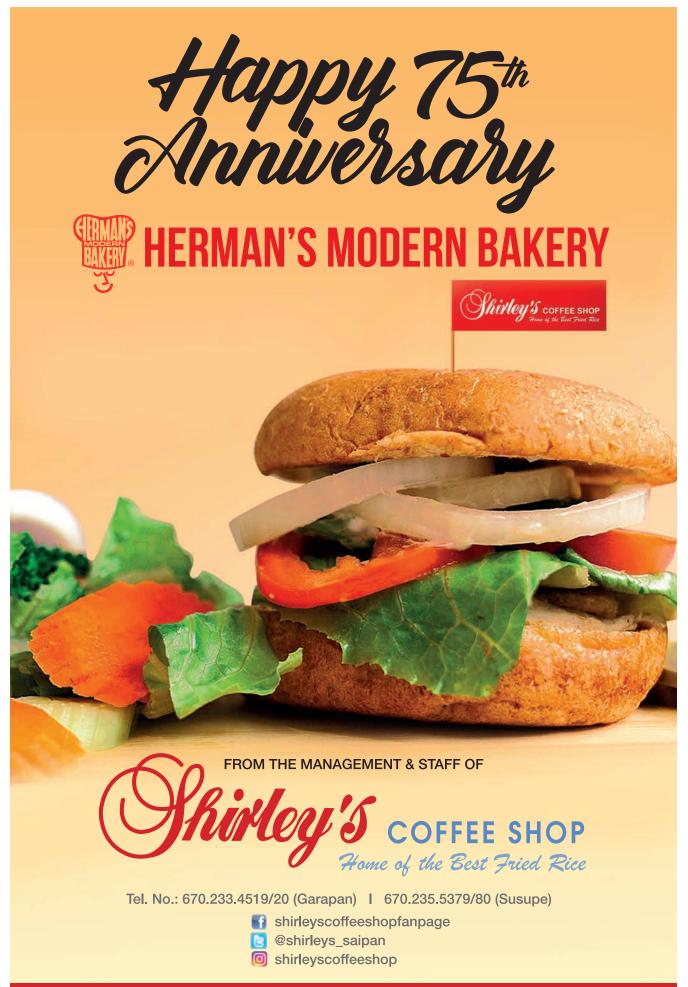
Over the years, Herman's Modern Bakery has earned a lot of awards and accolades but the ones that are appreciated the most are those that are earned because of dedication and hard work. "We are the only bakery establishment on island that is U.S. military-certified. They come in periodically and if they say we need to improve on some things, we comply and submit the papers," Herman T. Guerrero said.

The company also deals with safety issues every day because Herman's Modern Bakery serves the *man'amko* (the elderly), public schools, and it needs to meet federal requirements to maintain its military certification.

As they celebrate their 75th anniversary this year, Herman T. Guerrero said the journey has always been a collaboration between his family and the entire community.

"It has been always about the community. ...If you have a family and you are responsible for providing and feeding them, you want to make sure that the quality is there," he said.

"Our parents with the help of my father's siblings Jose and Juan and the rest family have always been baking bread for the entire community and we aim to continue and pursue that. Whether we are still around or not, the future generation of Herman's Modern Bakery will continue to maintain the quality of our bread," he promised.







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Pillar employees

By BEA CABRERA beacabrerasaipan@gmail.com CORRESPONDENT

n a company where employees are expected to produce every single day, whether it be thousands of nutritious meals for the Public School System's students or hundreds of fresh bread and pastries for the community to consume, five Herman's Modern Bakery employees never get tired putting in the hard work.

These pillar employees have been with the bakery for decades and still treat every day as if it is their first day at work-engaged, committed, and dedicated.

Wilma Dellota, 59, has been working for the Guerrero family for 20 years. She first came to Saipan as a house worker for one of the Guerrero family and then ventured out to work in a hotel for three years. She then found herself returning to the Guerreros as a cook for their catering business with the Public School System. It has been 10 years since.

"Going back to work for the Guerreros felt so natural, like coming home. ...Aside from having a good relationship with my co-workers, where helping each other out and cooperation is never amiss, the management invests in our wellbeing, empower us to have a good life and they connect my passion, which is cooking, to their vision, which is to always serve quality and delicious meals," she said.

Dellota's work starts at 3am and she is at it until 11am every day. Waking up to start work while the rest of the world sleeps has given her joy, instead of resentment.

"My work is a combination of food preparation and cook-

ing them. The thought of feeding over 2,000 schoolchildren may be a daunting task but when you love the work that you do, it doesn't feel like a huge responsibility," she said.

"How management treat us is a big portion of why I love my job and how deeply committed I am. The Guerrero family doesn't treat us as 'just employees' but as family," she added.

Being treated like family doesn't necessarily mean that the Guerreros are lax and complacent in the workplace. "They know what they are doing and being in the business for 75 years is not an easy task. They are organized and manage everyone at work and with that also comes how they make you feel valued and often recognize you for a job well done," she said.

The thought of feeding 3,000 schoolchildren may be a daunting task but when you love the work that you do, it doesn't feel like a huge responsibility.

"Unlike other employers I have experienced, the Guerreros do not shout at you or pin you down for your mistakes. Instead, they point out the problem and give advice on how to correct them. We communicate very well and, with the high level of transparency, we feel trusted and an important part of the company," she added.

Cook Supervisor **Teresita** 'Tess" De la Rosa has been with Herman's Modern Bakery for 10 years. She oversees the whole operation in the kitchen and that includes managing 12-15 people and the dispatch of food that go to several schools on Saipan.

"Since I also start work at 3am, one of the challenges in my work happens when one of the cooks is sick and can't come to work. Since it is early in the morning, I cannot bother anyone so it is up to me to step up to the plate and make the system work as over 2,000 children depend on us for their meals at school," she said.

At 66 years old, de la Rosa is counting her last days at the bakery as she is set to retire this month. "It is time for me to be with my children and grandchildren and, although majority of retirees look forward to this day, I leave with a heavy heart as I really love working here," she said.

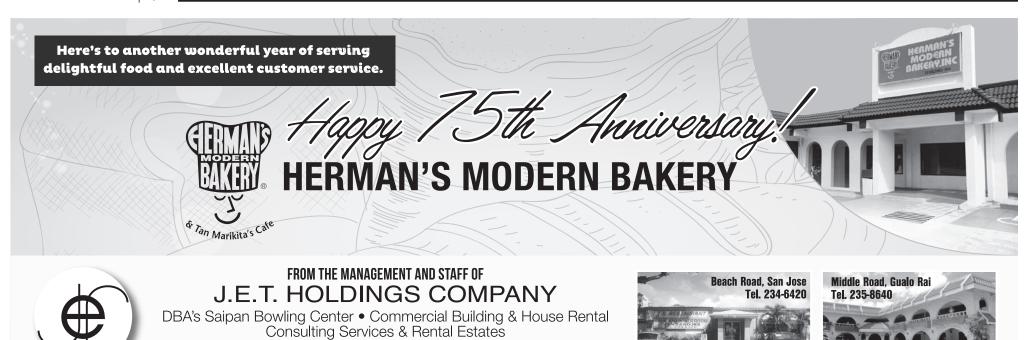
"I will miss the everyday grind, my co-workers, and the Guerreros. It has been a blessing working for this family. I never experienced being criticized and if I commit mistakes, they talk to me



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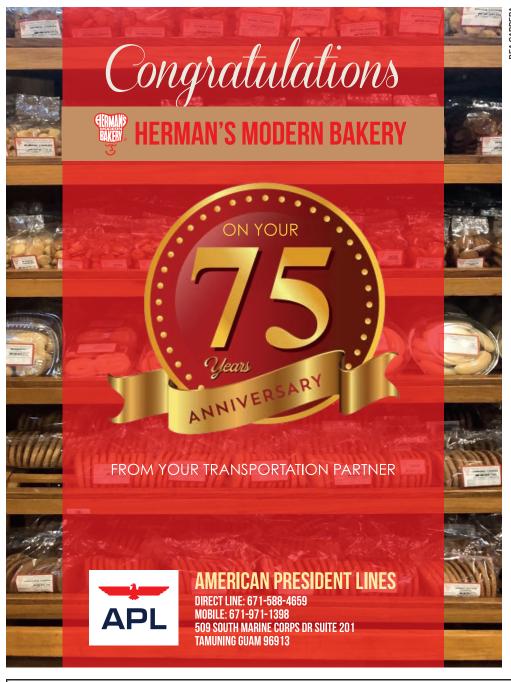
Herman's Modern Bakery cook supervisor Teresita de la Rosa, right, makes sure that the responsibilities in the kitchen has a system and all goals are met every day.





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in a professional way—no embarrassing you in front of other co-workers," she said.

Production manager **Ernesto "Ernie' N. Lineses,** who oversee the daily production

De la Rosa will only have good memories of the bakery when she retires. "The joy that I get in working here for the last 10 years is about running a smooth operation. ... Everyone has the same goal—First, provide the meals that the children will find delicious, and second, the love and care of the management. The Guerreros are successful in what they do because they treat people [well]," she added.

Production manager **Ernesto "Ernie' N. Lineses,** who oversee the daily production of the bakery, from work schedules of 30 bakers and 10 assistants, to quality control of every product and order deliveries, has logged the most number of years of working at Herman's Modern Bakery—40 years.

He was hired by Juan "Pan" Guerrero in 1978 by accident.

As he tells it, Juan "Pan" Guerrero had gone to Manila to hire bakers and, for the trade test of those bakers, he went to the



Goody Goody Bakery on V. Mapa Street in Manila where Lineses was employed as a baker.

"I toured Mr. Guerrero in the bakery and, at the end of the day, he didn't find the kind of bakers he was looking for and since he saw how I worked, he recruited me and four other bakers to come to Saipan in 1979. Out of the five bakers, I am the one left standing and still working for Herman's."

At 69 years old, Lineses said that coming to Saipan to work was a life changer. "The opportunity to get hired and work here is a one-in-amillion chance. I showed my skills and dedication to the company and, in return, I was trusted by the family and management and because of this, I made it my mantra to always go beyond my responsibilities."

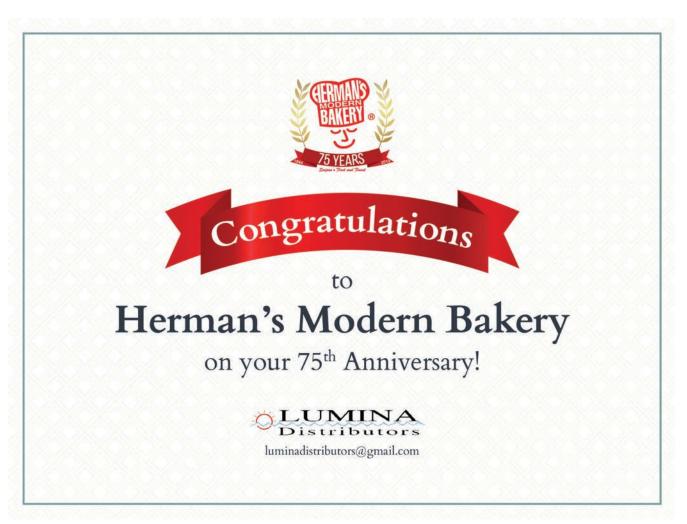
"The management communicates very well with us. As a production manager, they solicit my opinion and utilize it as often as possible. We are always after the welfare of the bakery and of the products—what's good and bad about it and how it can be improved," he added.

As a baker most of his life, Lineses said there is really no secret ingredient in baking. "The real secret ingredient is here (points to his heart). In baking, you can easily find all the ingredients in cookbooks and the internet but it is really the process that counts most. I believe that baking from the heart is what makes Herman's Modern Bakery stand out from the rest."

Herman's Modern Bakery continues to grow with their products. A recent addition are healthy options breads: their wheat bread and four-seeds bread.

"We listen to what our customers need and... it helps with the bakery's development. All of our bread is made of quality ingredients from Australia and the U.S. mainland. We never take anything for granted because we want to maintain the quality of bread that was produced 75 years ago, which people love," Lineses said.

We are always after the welfare of the bakery and of the products—what's good and bad about it and how it can be improved.







generation keeps innovating

By BEA CABRERA CORRESPONDENT

A family-run business is a staple in the CNMI and the challenge for each people, especially during generation is to maintain storms," he said. the business' success and prepare and inspire with the thought that hard the next line to take over.

are able to continuously provide our products to

He goes to work every day work and always doing his Herman's Modern Bakery best will equip him for the

'We make sure that family comes first and business second, although sometimes it is not necessarily in that order, but, with that, our priorities are clear.'

has been successful in tasks ahead. doing both and the formula is not a secret.

believes that sustaining a sometimes it is not shared identity and vision necessarily in that order, as a family is what works for them.

At 34 years old, Michael **Robert Guerrero** holds two hats in the business. He is currently the assistant general manager operations manager.

"I assist my aunt (general manager Annie G. Hayes) in the day-to-day operations. A part of it is making sure that our facility is running properly and that we

"We also make sure that family comes first and The Guerrero family business second, although but, with that, our priorities are clear," he added.

Growing up, Michael Robert Guerrero knew he was destined to work and help with the family business. "My father [Juan "Pan" Guerrero] ran the business as president and general manager for a number of years. There wasn't any pressure to work here. In fact, he told me he wants me to be the best in

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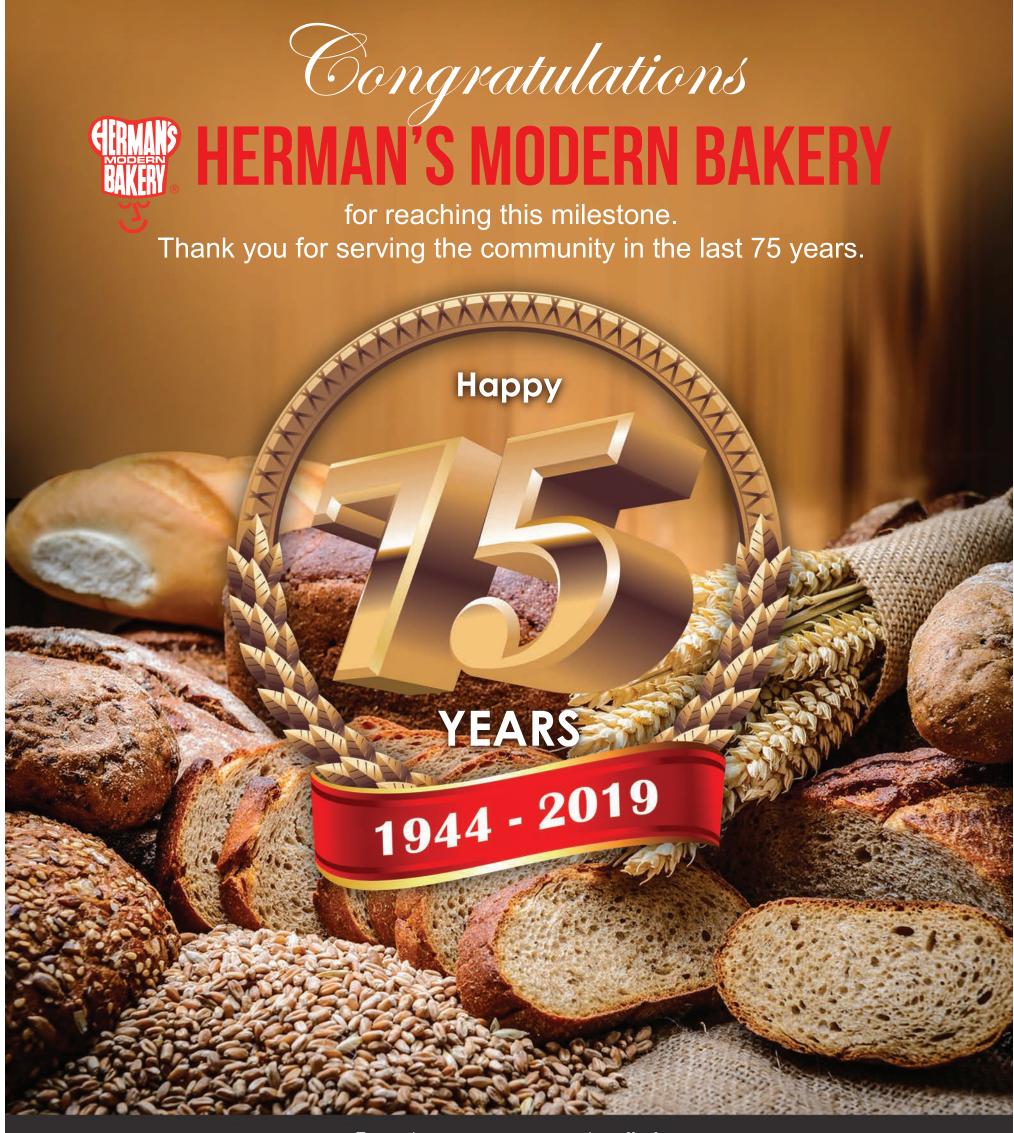


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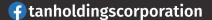


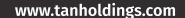
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ike a glorious phoenix that arose from the ashes of World War II 75 years ago, Herman's Modern Bakery has always soared time and again above the many challenges that have faced the Northern Marianas throughout the years and the company takes this special moment to express its gratitude to its many customers—both individuals and companies—that have helped it achieve this 75th anniversary milestone, with profound hope for an even more remarkable future for everyone in this great Commonwealth!



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Modern Bakery and keeping alive the legacy of their parents, Herman R. Guerrero and Maria C. Tenorio-Guerrero. From left: Noreen Guerrero, Jesus "Chung" T. Guerrero, Bobby Guerrero, Annie G. Hayes, Juan Pan Guerrero, Rep. Lee Pan Guerrero, and Herman T. Guerrero.



The cornhole game was open for everyone to play at the Herman's Modern Bakery Family Fun Day last Saturday at the football field near the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport.



While the carnival treats and games were going on, Herman's Modern Bakery also had raffle games with prizes from their sponsors like McDonald's at the Herman's Modern Bakery Family Fun Day last Saturday at the football field near the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, which was held to celebrate the bakery's 75th anniversary.



different flavors at the Bakery Family Fun Day last Saturday at the football field near the Francisco C. Ada/ Saipan International Airport to celebrate the bakery's 75h

Children are treated to ice coolers in

Children were invited to pop as many balloons as they can and win a prize at the Herman's Modern Bakery Family Fun Day held last Saturday at the football field near the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, which was held to celebrate the bakery's 75th anniversary.





Annie G. Hayes poses with representatives of Bank of Guam at the Herman's Modern Bakery Family Fun Day last Saturday at the football field near the Francisco C. Ada/ Saipan International Airport, which was held to celebrate the bakery's 75th anniversary.





Herman's Modern Bakery's assistant general/ operations manager Michael Robert Guerrero poses with his niece, Izabelle Guerrero, at the Herman's Modern Bakery Family Fun Day last Saturday at the football field near the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan

Day last Saturday at the football field near the

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welcomed hundreds of families to games and

free food and drinks to commemorate the

bakery's 75th anniversary this month.



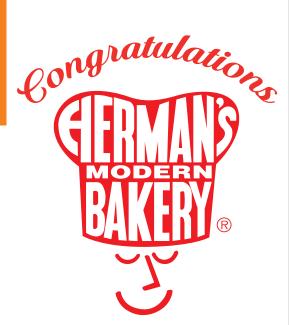


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whatever I decide to do."

When he went to college, his first major was civil engineering. He eventually figured out that he didn't want to do that.

He then shifted to business and became increasingly interested in the culinary arts, "so I pursued that in Kapi'olani Community College in Oahu, Hawaii. ... I specifically went to culinary school because I knew I would be helping with the business eventually," he added.

Part of the company's plans is to modernize some of the bakery's equipment. "We still use some of our equipment from the 1950's, which is part of our everyday operations. Modernizing our equipment will definitely help with production efficiency," Michael Guerrero said.

Another plan that is a company long-term goal is to open a branch in Guam.

"We opened one years ago but the shipping wasn't cost-efficient for us so we closed shop," Guerrero said. Second time might yet be the charm.

Michael Guerrero treats the bakery as his second home." I grew up here. ... As a baby, I was a regular in this building. ... My

mom always had me in her office, just as I have my own children in the same office today," he said.

"As for the third generation of Guerreros, who are mostly in high school, we allow them to work so they will gain experience and hopefully spark an interest, like we did when we were their age," he added.

Daryl Deleon Guerrero

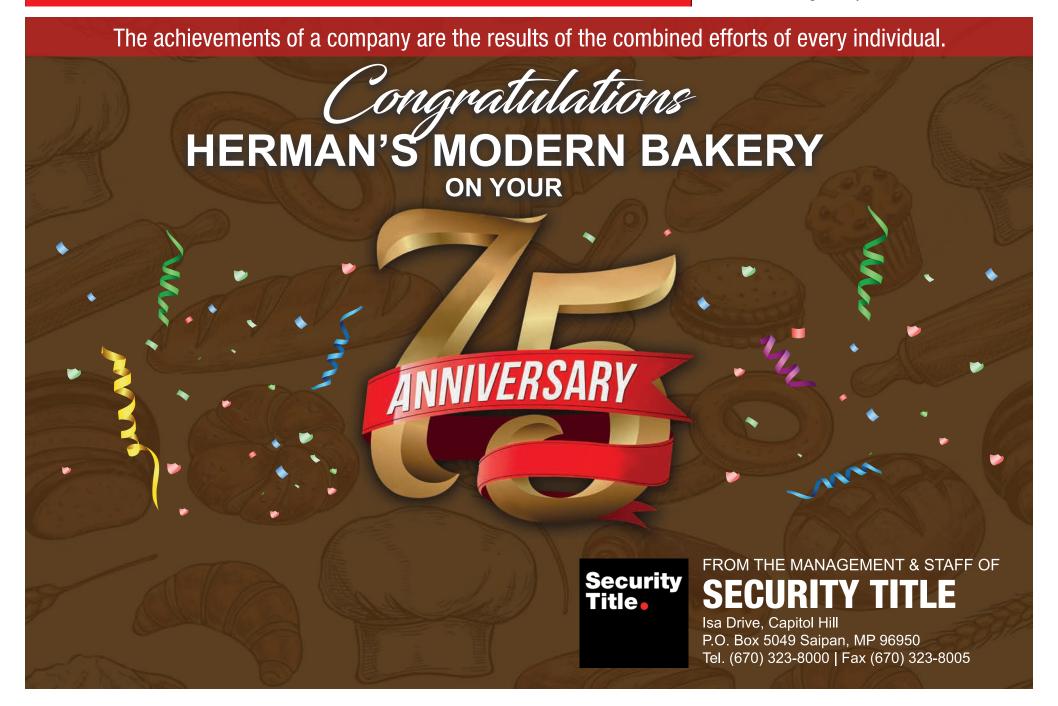
is the operations assistant production manager and helps in the sales and marketing side of the business. "I work with pretty much all of the staff and employees on every single department, including the bakers and mixers. I am also in charge of taking Public School System food/service orders," he said.

"I love my job and the people I work with as this is a part of my grandparents' legacy," he added.

Daryl Deleon Guerrero is the son of Florencio "Bobby" Deleon Guerrero and grew up in Tacoma, in Washington State.

"The first time we came back was in 1995, after my grandmother's passing,"

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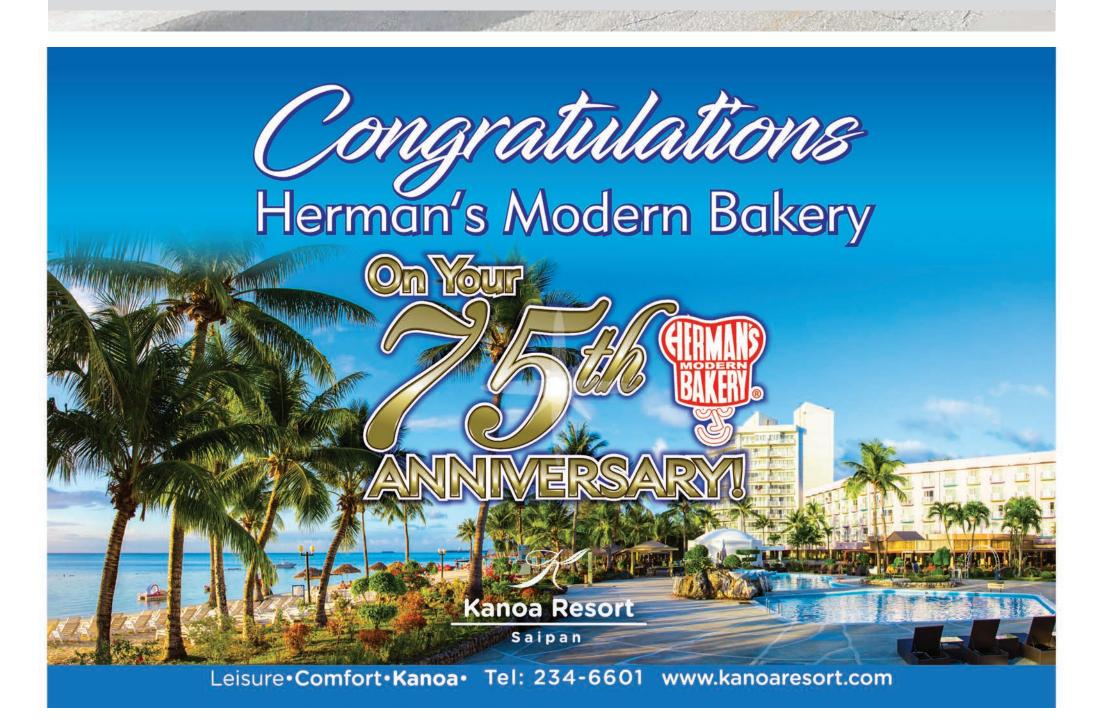
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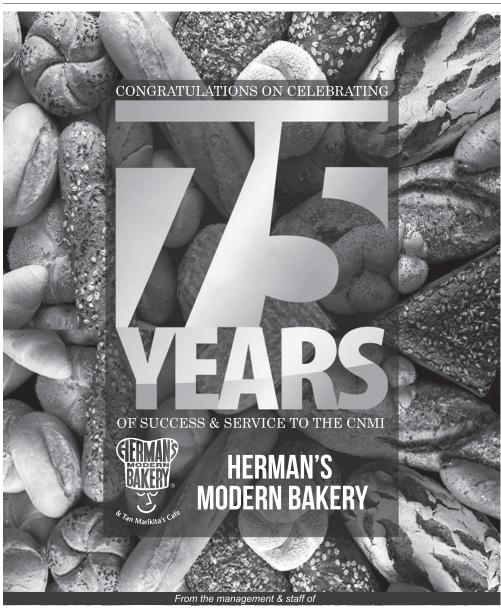
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he said.

"It was quite experience moving here and then finding out that I am a part of a family business and our family's industry. ...After school, we were taken straight to the bakery. ... I remember the staff back then who were full of joy when they see us and I believe that is the result of how my grandparents, dad, and uncles ran the business as those smiles dignified everything," he added.

Being a part of the now, Daryl business Deleon Guerrero insists that they still treat their staff and employees like family.

"This business is all about family. I tell every staff, member, and employee that we are the same—one heart one family-and whoever is in front, back, or the side of you, that is your brother and sister, no matter the age and background," he said.

"I believe that if we can have a strong healthy environment, everybody will love to come to work every single day," he added

Daryl Deleon Guerrero didn't work in the family

high school, he went back to the U.S. mainland where he worked for Verizon Wireless, where he was also a part of the IT technical support team.

business right away. After Bakery already built into the very fabric of CNMI civil society, Daryl Deleon Guerrero thinks it could still do more. With his experience in marketing, he believes the bakery

'I love my job and the people I work with as this is a part of my grandparents' legacy.'

"The experience made me learn so much about customer service [and] telecommunications. ...It was something that I loved doing," he said

The things he learned from his previous work he now applies at Herman's Modern Bakery. ...Michael and I still keep the old and the classic way of how the business is run but then we have ways to innovate and this is something that we have been doing," he added.

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would be helped by a taking on a more prominent role.

"When I came on board, I realized we did many solicitations, helping out and sponsoring different events and different government agencies. All this these accomplishments were hidden and I thought that the bakery has grown so much with the island that now is the time for the whole family to be involved and be out there," he said. "We are all

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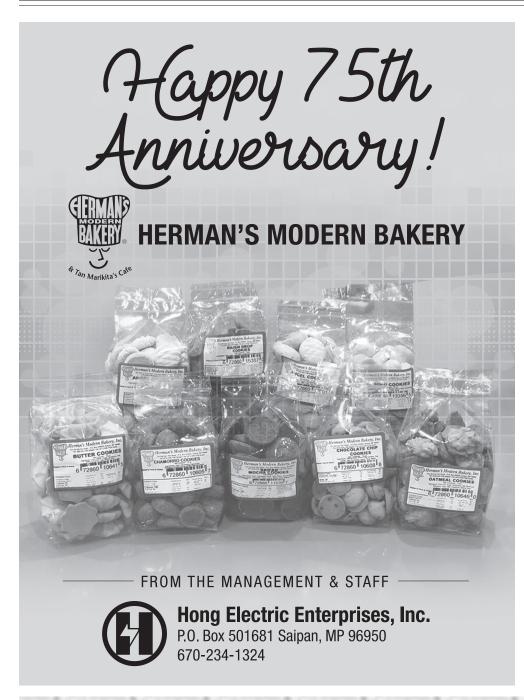


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about giving back to the people which is biggest thing from our hearts and for the hearts of the community of Saipan."

Part of his vision for a more prominent role is Herman Modern Bakery's regular participation in the annual International Coastal Cleanup, which the company has been doing two years in a row now.

Herman's Modern Bakery also fielded a float at the Liberation Day Parade "and it was a lovely experience being out there with the family to be one with the community that we support and love."

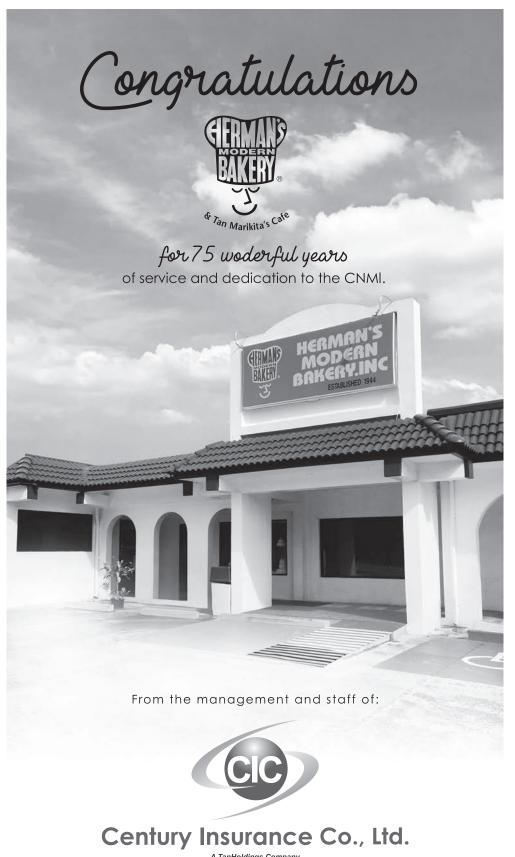
While Michael and Daryl oversee the day-to-day operations, the other second generation of Guerreros sit on the board. This arrangement ensures Herman's Modern Bakery's continued existence as seen in the work that they do now—extending the values of the family to help sustain the business and the bigger community.

BEA CABRERA Daryl Deleon Guerrero is the operations assistant production manager and helps in the sales and marketing side of Herman's Modern Bakery.









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Change is also driven by growth and is inevitable in order for the business to be effective, according to Michael Robert Guerrero, Herman's Modern Bakery assistant general manager and operations manager.

"For the next 50 years, I hope to be around [and] I hope to be successful in running the business by meeting the needs of our customers," he said.

One of the major plans that is currently being executed is the renovation and expansion of the Tan Marikita Café on Tun Herman Pan Road (formerly Airport Road)

The current café used to sit 35 people. ...With the expansion, we are doubling that capacity and café hours," he said.

"It really gets busy here on the weekends, especially during breakfast and lunch, and we want to accommodate as many people as we can and make them feel comfortable," he added.

Modernizing the bakery's equip-

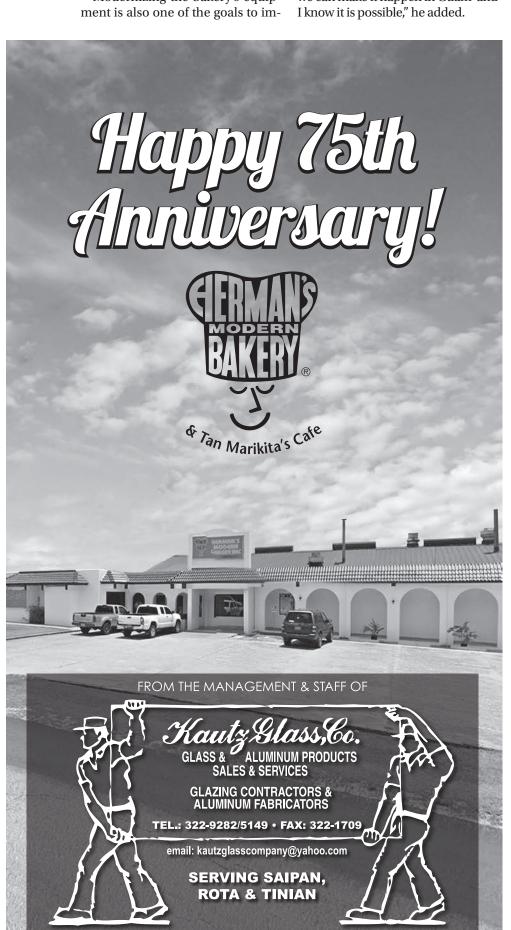
prove operational efficiency.

Reorienting the playing field to suit Herman's Modern Bakery's strengths is on the table, with plans of opening a branch/bakery in Guam. "Putting up a branch, a physical location in Guam is one of the goals I want to accomplish while I am here. It makes economic sense to have that," Michael Guerrero said.

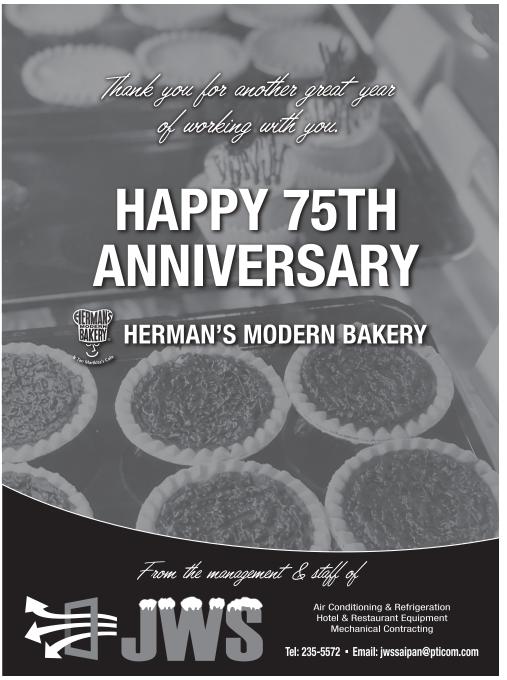
This was echoed by Herman's Modern Bakery CEO Herman T. Guerrero. "We are working on Herman's plan to open another bakery in Guam," he said.

"At one time, we had a distribution center [in Guam that was] providing bread for people and the U.S. military base but it was hard as people were expecting fresh bread and, that time, we didn't have a bakery in Guam. We shipped the bread, which became expensive.

"So we said, 'Perhaps, this was not the time yet but keep looking on how we can make it happen in Guam' and







VOX POPULI

My favorite childhood memory

of Herman's Modern Bakery

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"Some of my fondest childhood memories are of the times I spent with my grandmother at her home in Chalan Kanoa, District 3. She always had Herman's sweet bread in her kitchen. I remember sitting with her in the mornings, dunking that bread in very sweet, very milky coffee and enjoying it with her. It was such a treat for me. I wasn't normally allowed to drink coffee



"My other favorite Herman's bread story is actually my dad's. When he was a little boy, Herman's Modern Bakery used to sell whole, unsliced loaves of bread and that's what my grandmother would bring home. My dad loved the soft white part of the bread, especially when it was fresh and warm—but he didn't like the crust. So when no one was

looking, he would burrow his hand into just the center part of the loaf and eat the white part, leaving the crust and a big hole in the middle. . . . It would make his older sisters so mad when they discovered it, and he would always get in trouble, but it was funny too. I have heard my dad tell that story so many times and I crack up every time."

—Rep. Cristina "Tina" Sablan

"Herman's Modern Bakery's sweet bread is a musthave for any occasions—whether one is camping, fishing, visiting families off-island, typhoons, clean-



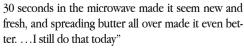
ing the yard, waking up in the morning with coffee—you name it, it goes well with it anything. We've also hand-carried these goodies to family members in Guam, [the U.S.] mainland (especially when my mother-in-law was still in Boise) and the recent trip to Palau for the former President's funeral. As I represent the

CNMI in the National Governor's Spouse program, I am known for giving away cookies from Herman's Modern Bakery, packed nicely with pictures that represent the Marianas"

-First lady Diann Torres

"I love Herman's! My favorite memory of Herman's Modern Bakery while growing up is having their chocolate cake with white icing for my birthdays. The

moist chocolate cake was the best—icing just sweet enough—and they had the most memorable cake toppings to make birthdays and other occasions special. A later memory I have is of my parents sending Herman's famous sweet bread to me as I was going to college in Hawaii and the U.S. mainland. Warming it up for just



—Chris Concepcion, managing director, Office of Planning and Development under the Office of the Governor "The bread, pastries, and confectionary delights that have come out from the kitchens of Herman's Modern Bakery have fed many generations of my family and many others. Being closely related to the Pan family, it was a common occurrence to see Herman's products on our kitchen table every day. As a child, no sandwich was complete without Herman's regular loaf and sweet bread. My father and I used to check out the bakery on our way back from feeding the pigs at the piggery, and anxiously awaited hot, fresh bread straight out of the oven that we would not wait to get home to enjoy. The first meal I ever learned to make were hot dogs, using Herman's hotdog buns. And I can't ever forget how satisfying their breakfast plates were back then when I was a kid, as they are now."

-Rep. L.J. Castro





"My favorite childhood memory of Herman's Modern Bakery is going to the bakery with my parents to buy sweet bread. We would have sweet bread as part of our breakfast every morning. I loved to eat it without any butter, right out of the bag, because it is so soft and delicious. Another favorite item of mine is their pan tosta. I would dip it in hot coffee/hot tea with milk, which I enjoyed with my grandparents as they also loved pan tosta for merienda (snack).

"Herman's Sweet Bread continues to be part of our breakfast today. It is great Herman's Bakery continues to make the sweet bread and I can continue to enjoy with my children."

-Velma Ann Palacios, president, Saipan Chamber of Commerce

"As a child, I would run an errand for my Mom to purchase a loaf of bread for tomorrow's sandwiches for our school lunch. ... And though I am often in Washington and...unable to go to Herman's for coffee, I still purchase their sweet bread to share with my office colleagues in Washington. The best of another 75 years for Ta Ma and Nan Kita's children and family."

—Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP)



"Whenever my sister, Mimi, travelled to Saipan, she would bring Herman's Modern Bakery goodies home and it was always a treat I looked forward to as a child in Chuuk."

-Rep. Ivan Blanco



"When I was 10 years old, we went camping at PauPau Beach. I had just finished swimming and couldn't wait to satisfy my aching appetite. My dad pulled out a pack of Herman's sweet bread, placed some slices of Spam on the grill, and made quick, but delicious sandwiches. It was yummy, and easy to eat on the beach with my cousins. I now enjoy Herman's sweet bread with slices of turkey or a chicken salad mix, but the sweet bread Spam sandwich will always remind me of my childhood days on the beach, camping with my family.

-Rep. Sheila J. Babauta









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Enacting positive change

Herman's Modern Bakery has been socially responsible since it first opened in 1944, according to Michael Robert Guerrero.

"I believe we have been doing what we now call 'corporate social responsibility' since the bakery's beginnings because my grandfather, Herman R. Guerrero, used to bake bread for the community," he said.

That included giving away bread for free to the community and donating bread to the Mercedarian nuns for a number of years.

Over the years, the bakery has actively joined activities that help the community. "We are aware that the environment is very fragile...so we participate in beach cleanups and we have adopted (trash) bins from the Marianas Islands Nature Alliance, which means providing funds to keep the bins up and running," he added.

To lessen the impact of human activity on the environment, Herman's Modern Bakery is trying to eliminate plastic in their daily operations.

"We aim to be less driven on plastic items but it is a challenge with our bread as we deal with food safety and longer shelf life. With a paper bag, that is going

Herman's Modern Bakery has to be difficult, but we are finding been socially responsible since ways," Guerrero said.

"We do offer reusable bags [at the bakery] and we don't use plastic stirrers anymore for our coffee. Instead, [we offer] paper straws for our drinks, paper cups for takeout, and we are doing our best to switch to paper bento boxes for our food," Guerrero added.

Herman's Modern Bakery involves itself with worthwhile causes such as the Governor Tournament of Champions and participates in different fundraising events that includes schools, medical outreach and various non-profit organizations,

Herman's Modern Bakery also accommodates educational field trips to the bakery by public and private schools "so that the children will have an idea how bread is made. It also gives the children a chance to learn outside the classroom and experience something new," Guerrero said.

As part of those educational efforts, the American Memorial Park did a history feature last Oct. 19, about the life and contributions to the community of Herman's Modern bakery patriarch, Herman R. Guerrero, as part of the park's feature on community icons. (*Bea Cabrera*)







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Business

TO FURTHER DECARBONIZE COMMERCIAL AIR TRAVEL

United Airlines pledges \$40M

CHICAGO—United Airlines further strengthened its reputation as an aviation industry leader in environmental sustainability by committing \$40 million toward a new investment vehicle focused on accelerating the development of sustainable aviation fuels and other decarbonization technologies. The carrier, which earlier this year agreed to purchase up to 10 million gallons of sustainable aviation fuel over the next two years, will look to collaborate with other environmentally conscious partners on this extraordinary initiative. Among all airlines around the world, United holds more than 50% of all publicly announced purchase commitments to using sustainable aviation fuels and is the only U.S. carrier to currently use this fuel on a continuous basis.

"United has been an industry leader in environmental sustainability - including being the first U.S. carrier to announce a bold pledge to cut our carbon footprint in half by 2050 relative to 2005," said Scott Kirby, United's president. "However, to achieve this goal, we can't be content as a leading airline undergoing an evolution to adapt to climate change. We aspire to be the airline leading the revolution to fight climate change, and this new initiative will further empower us to reduce our impact on the environment and fly towards a more sustainable future."

United's commitment to

the environment

United's latest commitment to invest in the development of sustainable aviation fuel and decarbonization technologies, along with its pledge to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions, represents yet another leadership position the airline has undertaken to reduce its impact on the environment. Several of United's most significant environmental achievements include:

- Becoming the first airline to incorporate sustainable aviation fuel in regular operations on a continuous basis, marking a significant milestone in the industry by moving beyond test programs and demonstrations to the everyday use of low-carbon fuel in ongoing operations.
- Investing more than \$30 million in California-based sustainable aviation fuels producer Fulcrum BioEnergy, which remains the single largest investment by any airline globally in sustainable fuels. United's option to purchase, subject to availability, nearly 1 billion gallons from Fulcrum BioEnergy is the largest offtake agreement for sustainable aviation fuel in the airline industry.
- Operating the Flight for the Planet last June, which represented the most-ecofriendly commercial flight of its kind in the history of commercial aviation.
- Becoming the first airline to fly with Boeing's Split Scimitar winglets, which reduce fuel consumption by an additional 2 percent versus standard winglets; United is

Scimitar winglet operator today, with nearly 400 aircraft equipped with these winglets.

- Becoming the first U.S. airline to repurpose items from the carrier's international premium cabin amenity kits and partnering with Clean the World to donate hygiene products to those in critical need.
- Eliminating non-recyclable plastic stirring sticks and cocktail picks on aircraft and replacing them with a more environmentally friendly product made of 100% bamboo.
- Continuing to replace its eligible ground equipment with cleaner, electrically powered alternatives, with 40% of the fleet converted to date.

United's award-winning **Eco-Skies Program**

United's award-winning Eco-Skies program represents the company's commitment to the environment and the actions taken every day to create a more sustainable future. In 2017, Air Transport World magazine named United the Eco-Airline of the Year for the second time since the airline launched the Eco-Skies program. Additionally, United Airlines ranked No. 1 among global carriers in Newsweek's 2017 Global 500 Green Rankings, one of the most recognized environmental performance assessments of the world's largest publicly traded companies.

For more information on United's commitment to environmental sustainability, visit united.com/ecoskies. (PR)

Nation

Army colonel says push to probe Biden concerned him

WASHINGTON (AP)— Defying White House orders, an Army officer serving with President Donald Trump's National Security Council testified to impeachment investigators that he twice raised concerns over the administration's push to have Ukraine investigate Democrats and Joe Biden.

Alexander Vindman, a lieutenant colonel who served in Iraq and later as a diplomat, was the first official to testify who actually heard Trump's July 25 call with new Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskiy. He reported his concerns to the NSC's lead counsel.

Vindman also told investigators Tuesday that he tried to change the White House's rough transcript of the call by filling in at least one of the omitted words, "Burisma," a reference to the company linked to Biden and his son, according to people familiar with his testimony. But Vindman was unsuccessful.

His concerns, though, were far bigger than the transcript. And lawmakers said his failed effort to edit it didn't significantly change



Army Lt. Col. Alexander Vindman, a military officer at the National Security Council, departs a closed door meeting after testifying as part of the House impeachment inquiry into President Donald Trump, Tuesday, Oct. 29, 2019, on Capitol Hill in Washington.

transpired during Trump's call that sparked the impeachment inquiry.

Vindman's arrival in military blue, with medals, created a striking image at the Capitol as the impeachment inquiry reached deeper into the White House. He testified for more than 10 hours.

"I was concerned by the call," Vindman said, according to prepared remarks obtained by The Associated Press. "I did not think it was proper to demand that a foreign government investigate a U.S. citizen, and I was wortheir understanding of what ried about the implications

for the U.S. government's support of Ukraine."

Vindman, a 20-year military officer, added to the mounting evidence from other witnesses — diplomats, defense and former administration officials who are corroborating the initial whistleblower's complaint against Trump and providing new details ahead of a House vote in the impeachment inquiry.

"Every person has put it in higher resolution," said Rep. Denny Heck, D-Wash., during a break in the daylong session.

Anger mounts as utility imposes more blackouts in California

SAN RAFAEL, Calif.

(AP)—With no electricity for the fourth straight day Tuesday, chef and caterer Jane Sykes realized she would have to throw out \$1,000 worth of food, including trays of brownies, cupcakes and puff pastry.

She also had little hope of getting a good night's sleep - there was no way to run the machine she relies on to counter her apnea.

"I don't think PG&E really thought this through," she lamented. Frustration and anger mounted across Northern California on Tuesday as the state's biggest utility, Pacific Gas & Electric, began another round of widespread blackouts aimed at preventing its electrical equipment from sparking wildfires in high winds.

Millions of people have been without power for days as fire crews raced to contain two major wind-whipped blazes that have destroyed dozens of homes at both ends of the state: in Sonoma County wine country and in the hills of Los Angeles.

Across Northern California, people worried about charging cellphones and electric vehicles, finding gasoline and cash, staying warm and keeping their food from spoiling. They donned headlamps at home and parked their cars outside inoperable automatic garage doors.

Some ended up at centers set up by PG&E where people could go to power their electronics and get free water, snacks, flashlights and solar lanterns.

"There's a hidden cost," Sykes said. "Absolutely public safety above all else, but there's a big financial loss for my profession, having to throw away a lot of hard work."

PG&E said Tuesday's blackouts — the third round in a week - would affect about 1.5 million people in 29 counties, including 1 million still without power from a shut-off over the weekend. By 5 p.m. about 435,000 customers — or nearly 1.1 million people — were without electricity as restorations were made from Sunday's shut-off and new outages continued from Tuesday's wind event, the utility said.

The outages have made people like Linda Waldron, a mother of two who lives north of San Francisco in San Rafael, realize the things we take for granted.

She discovered she was low on gas and began to panic as she drove around looking for an open gas station. She wound up driving to San Francisco, about 20 miles (32 kilometers) away, before she found one. She also stocked up on cash after realizing she had only \$1 in her wallet.

"What if we needed to evacuate and I had no gas in the car?" she said as her 5-year-old daughter and 3-year-old son cavorted at a playground. "I didn't even think about gas and cash because I'm too busy with these guys."

BUSINESS BRIEFS

FAA expands order for inspections of certain new Airbus jets

WASHINGTON (AP)—U.S. safety officials are expanding inspection requirements of engines on new Airbus A220 jets after another plane suffered an in-flight engine shutdown. The Federal Aviation Administration announced the latest requirements on Tuesday, expanding an order published last month to look for compressor rotor cracks on some Pratt & Whitney engines. The FAA action follows orders from regulators in Canada and Europe that A220s be flown at no more than 94% of full power above 29,000 feet. There have been several reports of engine problems during flights. Most recently, a Swiss International Air Lines A220 flying from London to Geneva was forced to land in Paris. The airline briefly grounded its A220 fleet for inspections. The single-aisle plane was designed by Canada's Bombardier and taken over by Airbus.

AT&T says HBO Max streaming service will launch in May

AT&T said its HBO Max streaming service will launch in May, joining a crowded field.

The company has said HBO Max will become the "workhorse" for its video business as cordcutting of traditional TV expands. The service grew out of AT&T's \$81 billion purchase of Time Warner, which AT&T has overhauled and rechristened WarnerMedia. HBO Max will challenge Netflix alongside Disney . Comcast and Apple. It has not yet announced pricing. But the company said at a Tuesday event that it will launch a version of HBO Max with ads in 2021, a new twist for a brand that is known for its lack of ads. The company wants to reach 50 million subscribers in the U.S. by 2025. The service will offer movies and programs from HBO and the Warner library, including "Friends," which it will pull back from Netflix. Other hits like "The Big Bang Theory" and "South Park" will also be available. It's aiming for kids with "Sesame Street" and an Elmo talk show. And it will have superhero movies from DC. The service will also launch 50 original series in the first year, half targeted to younger adults and the remainder split between shows for kids and for adults. The service won't release a season's worth of episodes all at once, as Netflix typically does.

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Asia

6 dead, scores hurt in quake in southern PH

DAVAO, Philippines (AP)—A powerful earthquake shook the southern Philippines on Tuesday, triggering landslides and loosening boulders that killed six people and injured more than 100 others in a region already damaged by a strong quake two weeks earlier, officials said.

The magnitude 6.6 earthquake was caused by the movement of a fault about 7 kilometers (4.3 miles) deep about 25 kilometers (16 miles) east of Tulunan in Cotabato province, the Philippine Institute of Seismology and Volcanology said.

Tulunan Mayor Reuel Limbungan said about 90% of the houses in three rural villages were damaged by the intense ground movement.

Among the dead were a father and his child who were hit by boulders which rolled down a mountain onto their small farm in hard-hit North Cotabato province. Another child was injured, provincial disaster response officer Mercedita Foronda said. She said more than 100 villagers received injuries, mostly minor, in the province.

Two others died in a landslide and falling debris in Magsaysay town in Davao del Sur province. A pregnant



A woman on a stretcher is assisted by a companion after a powerful earthquake was felt in Davao City, Philippines Tuesday, Oct. 29, 2019.

woman was killed by a falling tree in Tulunan and a 66-year-old man died from head injuries after apparently being hit by heavy debris in South Cotabato province's capital, Koronadal, where 30 other people were injured as they dashed out of their homes, offices and shopping malls, police and other officials said.

Several cities and towns suspended classes to allow inspections of school buildings. Several buildings damaged in another quake earlier this month sustained further damage and were closed to the public

A magnitude 6.3 earthquake on Oct. 16 left at least seven people dead and more than 200 others injured and destroyed or damaged more than 7,000 buildings, officials said.

In July, two earthquakes hours apart struck a group of sparsely populated islands in the Luzon Strait in the northern Philippines, killing eight people.

The Philippines lies in the Pacific "Ring of Fire," an arc of faults around the Pacific Ocean where most of the world's earthquakes occur.

A magnitude 7.7 quake killed nearly 2,000 people in the northern Philippines in 1990.

N. Korea rejects meeting with South over resort

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)— North Korea on Tuesday rejected South Korea's request for working-level talks to discuss the possible demolition of South Korean-made hotels and other facilities at the North's Diamond Mountain resort that North Korean leader Kim Jong Un wants removed.

In letters addressed to Seoul's Unification Ministry and South Korea's Hyundai business group, North Korea said face-to-face meetings would be unnecessary and repeated its stance that details should be worked out through document exchanges, the ministry said.

The South on Monday proposed a working-level meeting with North Korea, days after the North formally demanded that the South Koreans come to Diamond Mountain at an agreed-upon date to clear out their facilities.

During a visit to the site last week, Kim ordered the destruction of South Koreanbuilt facilities he described as "shabby" and "unpleasant looking," apparently because Seoul won't defy U.S.-led international sanctions and resume South Korean tours at the site. The North later proposed an exchange of documents to work out details.

The Unification Ministry didn't immediately say whether it would make further demands for meetings with the North.

South Korea's government has said it will seek "creative solutions" to the problem based on political considerations and inter-Korean discussions. It's unclear whether South Korea will agree to destroy any of its facilities or seek ways to partially resume tours amid sanctions to defuse the North's anger.

Tours to Diamond Mountain were a major symbol of cooperation between the Koreas and a valuable cash source for the North's broken economy before the South suspended them in 2008 after a North Korean guard fatally shot a South Korean tourist.

Seoul can't restart mass tours to Diamond Mountain or any other major inter-Korean economic activity without defying U.S.-led international

sanctions against North Korea, which have been strengthened since 2016, when the North began accelerating its nuclear and missile tests. While U.N. sanctions don't directly ban tourism, they prohibit bulk cash transfers that can result from business activities like the Diamond Mountain tours.

Kim's order to tear down South Korean properties at Diamond Mountain comes during a prolonged freeze in relations with South Korea and deals a major setback to liberal South Korean President Moon Jae-in, who met Kim three times last year while expressing ambitions to reboot inter-Korean economic engagement when possible.

The prospects for that have dimmed amid deadlocked nuclear negotiations between Washington and Pyongyang, which have faltered since the collapse of a February summit between Kim and President Donald Trump in Vietnam, where the Americans rejected the North's demands for broad sanctions relief in exchange for a partial surrender of its nuclear capabilities.

World

Chileans decline president's concessions, plan new protests

SANTIAGO, Chile (AP)—Thousands of Chileans filled a plaza in the center of the capital Tuesday in the 12th day of demonstrations that began with youth protests over a subway fare hike and transformed into a leaderless national movement demanding greater equality and better public services in a country long seen as an economic success story.

A move to meet one of their demands - replacing Chile's dictatorship-era constitution - appeared to gain some momentum in the country's congress.

Marches began in the early afternoon and as the sun set, there was a festive atmosphere in Plaza Italia, a rallying point during the demonstrations. The protesters banged pots and pans, blew plastic whistles and waved the Chilean and Mapuche indigenous flags. Vendors sold snacks, jewelry, hats and t-shirts. The demonstrators, many in their 20s and 30s, pressed their call for changes to a market-dominant socioeconomic model that has fully or partially privatized pensions, health and education. They hoisted signs calling for pension reform, an end to the private ownership of water rights or for the resignation of President Sebastián Piñera.

"There's an economic development system that's made us all accustomed to injustice, a profound dissatisfaction among the vast majority of people who feel that they aren't seeing the benefits of economic development," said Jorge Pinto, a 24-year-old student of public administration.

On several side streets the atmosphere was tenser, as groups of masked protesters set fire to garbage and trees in a local park, before they were chased off by police with tear gas and water cannon. Attempts to march to La Moneda, the presidential palace, were frustrated by police barricades.

Some demonstrators are angry about the retirement system, which forces Chileans to hand over 10 percent of their income to private fund managers and then receive pensions that barely cover a third of most people's monthly expenses. Others fume about a public health system that makes many wait

months for an appointment with a specialist, or seek expensive private care.

Still others resent university loans that they are still paying into their 40s and 50s, even as 1% of the population earns 33 percent of the nation's wealth, making Chile the most unequal country in the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development group of wealthy nations.

Virtually none have been satisfied by Piñera's response to the protests, which includes replacing eight ministers, calling for national dialogue, offering small increases in the minimum wage and the lowest pensions, higher taxes on the wealthy and decreases in the prices of medicine and electricity.

Piñera, a billionaire businessman who sees the private sector and economic growth as the keys to national success, may be hoping that his relatively minor concessions will calm the streets as protests approach the two-week mark, said Lucia Dammert, a sociologist and political scientist at the University of Santiago.

It remains uncertain if that will happen, Dammert said.

Masked gunmen attack protesters in Iraq holy city; 18 killed

BAGHDAD (AP)—Masked gunmen opened fire at Iraqi protesters in the Shiite holy city of Karbala on Tuesday, killing 18 people and wounding hundreds, security officials said, in one of the deadliest single attacks since anti-government demonstrations erupted earlier this month.

The overnight attack came as Iraqis took to the streets for a fifth straight day after a hiatus in the demonstrations that began earlier this month to protest government corruption, a lack of jobs and municipal services, and other grievances. The earlier protests also saw violence against protesters, and a total of 240 people have been killed since the unrest began.

But the bloodshed in Karbala could mark a turning point because of the high death toll and because the city is a major pilgrimage site where a revered Shiite figure was killed in a 7th century battle.

Similar anti-government protests are underway in Lebanon, where supporters of the Iran-backed militant group Hezbollah stormed the main protest camp and Prime Minister Saad Hariri said he would resign after hitting a "dead end" in trying to resolve the crisis. The protests in both countries are directed at governments and armed political factions that are close to Iran, raising fears of a violent backlash.

There were differing accounts and death tolls from Karbala, and details were still emerging from the scene.

Amid a clampdown by security forces, it was difficult to piece together what exactly prompted the attack. Eyewitnesses told The Associated Press that masked gunmen opened fire on the camp.

Protesters said they did not know if the masked men were riot police, special forces or Iran-linked militias. The protesters said Iraqi soldiers had been stationed around the protest site but withdrew after the attackers began firing tear gas and live ammunition.

Provincial Gov. Nassif al-Khutabi denied that any protesters were killed but said there were some injuries among security forces. He said videos posted online were fabricated and not from Karbala. The footage purported to show the aftermath of the attack, with fires and people running away to the sound of heavy gunfire. Al-Khutabi's description contradicted those from people who were at the scene.

An AP video showed a nighttime fire and young protesters, some of them taking video with their cellphones, as gunfire echoes. An ambulance can be seen trying to drive amid the chaos, with Iraqi security forces arriving.

The leaderless and largely spontaneous protests across Iraq have been met with bullets and tear gas by security forces from the start.

At least 73 people—not including the latest fatalities in Karbala—have been killed since anti-government demonstrations resumed Friday, while 149 were killed during the earlier wave of protests this month.

Tuesday's attack happened in Karbala's Education Square, where protesters had set up tents for their sit-in.

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Life & Style

HBO orders 10 episodes of

LOS ANGELES (AP)— HBO is green-lighting a new "Game of Thrones" prequel after reportedly canceling another that starred Naomi Watts.

The cable channel said Tuesday that it's given a 10-episode order to "House of the Dragon," set 300 years before the original series that ended its eight-season run in May.

The prequel is based on George R.R. Martin's "Fire & Blood," HBO said. The new drama was co-created by Martin and Ryan Condal, whose credits include "Colony."

It will focus on House

Targaryen, made famous in "Game of Thrones" by Emilia Clarke's Daenerys and her fearsome dragons.

"House of the Dragon" was announced by HBO programming president Casey Bloys during a presentation for HBO Max, the streaming service launching in May 2020. A spinoff of HBO megahit "Game of Thrones" would be a key attraction in the increasingly crowded streaming marketplace.

HBO declined comment on reports Tuesday that it had dropped another "Game of Thrones" prequel set thou-

'Game of Thrones'

sands of years before the original. A pilot episode starring Watts had been filmed in Northern Ireland.

The straight-to-series order for "House of the Dragon," whether a sign of faith in the project or pressure to get it into production, avoids letting devotees of the fantasy saga down once more.

Casting and an air date were not announced.



Actor Jared Padalecki accused in assault at his Austin bar

AUSTIN, **Texas** (AP)—Court documents show that "Supernatural" star Jared Padalecki is accused of assaulting two employees at a downtown Austin bar he owns.

An arrest affida- Padalecki vit says officers arrived at the bar early Sunday. Padalecki, who rose to fame in "Gilmore Girls," has been



charged with two counts of misdemeanor assault with injury.

The affidavit says employees escorted him out of the bar after he fought with people inside. The affidavit says em-

ployees then tried to keep Padalecki out "because of his intoxicated behavior."

An assistant manager told police that Padalecki slapped him. The affidavit says Padalecki punched the general manager, who was trying to separate him from the assistant manager.

Representatives for Padalecki haven't responded to requests for comment.

Travis County Jail records indicate Padalecki isn't being held Tuesday.

John Legend co-writes new take on 'Baby It's Cold Outside'

NEW YORK (AP)—John Legend and Kelly Clarkson, his fellow coach on "The Voice," have joined forces on a reimagined version of the oft-criticized Christmas classic "Baby It's Cold Outside."

The song, written by Frank Loesser in 1944, is Legend a duet that has a man trying to convince a woman to stay overnight at his home on a cold winter's night. It's been a flashpoint of the #MeToo era, with foes calling it everything from sexist to an ode to



Clarkson

Legend and comedian Natasha Rothwell of HBO's "Insecure" wrote the new take, which includes Clarkson leading the lyrics:

"What will my friends think (I think they should rejoice)

If I have one more drink? (It's your body, and your choice.)"

Gone are such lines as, Gosh, your lips look delicious," sung by the man, and "Say, what's in this drink?" by the woman.

The Grammy-winning Legend includes the song on a new expanded version of his first Christmas album, "A Legendary Christmas: The Deluxe Edition," out Nov. 8.

Los Angeles prosecutors reject Kevin Spacey sex battery case

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Los Angeles prosecutors have rejected a sexual battery case against Kevin Spacey because the accuser has died.

The Los Angeles County District Attorney's office announced the decision Tuesday. The case stemmed from a masseur's allegations that Spacey inappropriately touched him during a massage session at a home in

Malibu, California, in October 2016.

The decision states that the allegations against Spacey could not be proven without the masseur's participation. The man also Spacey sued Spacey under

the alias John Doe in a case that remains pending in federal court.



An email sent to Spacey's lawyer Alan Jackson was not immediately returned.

Massachusetts prosecutors in July dropped a criminal case against Spacey filed after accusations that he groped

an 18-year-old man at a bar on the resort island of Nantucket in 2016.

'Tarzan' actor's son unarmed when fatally shot by deputies

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. (AP)—Authorities say the son of actor Ron Ely was unarmed when he was fatally shot earlier this month at the "Tarzan" star's home.

The Santa Barbara Sheriff's Department says four deputies fired 24 rounds at

Cameron Ely, who was being sought on suspicion of fatally stabbing his mother on Oct. 15. The agency said the 30-year-old told deputies he was armed and made motions like he was drawing a weapon when he was shot outside his father's home

in Hope Ranch, a suburb of luxury homes outside Santa Barbara.

Three of the deputies who fired on Cameron Ely have more than 12 years of experience apiece; the other deputy has two years of law enforcement experience.

Children cut off stepmother with dad's power of attorney

EAR ABBY: This letter is for women who have stepchildren or are considering marriage to a man with children. My second marriage of 20 years is in limbo with no closure. My three adult stepchildren took my husband away from our home two years ago. He was having some cognitive dementia, but we were doing well in our home. After a fall, everything came apart. To make a long story short, I was naive about legal issues and discovered he had named his children as powers of attorney with no plans for me.

I have not had a visit or phone call in months because his kids will not allow it unless they are present. Our home was jointly shared and the court has ordered me to maintain it with no financial assistance from my husband as I live here. He has been shuttling back and forth between his son and daughter and is presently living in another state.

Abby, I encourage any woman who is considering remarriage to take great care of important legal matters for their wellbeing in case stepchildren try to "kill" the marriage and take over. I have experienced the ups and downs that go along with abandonment, depression and absence of closure. I am grateful for my family and friends for their love and support. With God's help and prayers, I am still hanging in there. Ladies, beware!

SURVIVING ALONE

DEAR SURVIVING: Please accept my sympathy for the loss of your husband. It is tragic. Sadly, you are not the only

woman I have heard of this happening to; I know one personally. This is why I, too, urge anyone, female or male, who is going into a second marriage to be conscious of the legal ramifications and end-of-life planning and to do it with the help of an attorney.

DEAR ABBY: My acupuncturist and staff are all bilingual, speaking both English and Spanish. Almost always while I'm sitting in the waiting room, the staff will converse with one another in Spanish like they're the only ones in the room.

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Another time, one of the staff pointed to something on the receptionist's computer screen and spoke in Spanish to the receptionist, and I could see she was showing the receptionist how to do something on the computer. In addition, if any of the staff needs to speak with the doctor during my treatment, Spanish is spoken.

I feel the only time the staff should speak Spanish is when a patient doesn't speak or understand English. What do you think about this?

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isolated when his or her employees do this in front of you. And if you are not satisfied with the response you receive, change acupuncturists.

A GENTLE REMINDER TO PARENTS OF YOUNG CHILDREN: Tonight wee witches and goblins will be out trick-or-treating. Please supervise them closely so they'll be safe. Happy Halloween, everyone!

Love, ABBY

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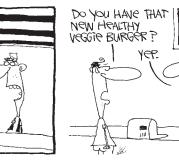
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ARIES (March 21-April 19): You are overdue for a change. Stop fretting; gather information and look with optimism toward a bright new future. Working in conjunction with someone you are close to instead of on your own will make the change less complicated.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Set your plans in motion, and stick to the budget you set aside for the changes you want

to make. Discuss your ideas with someone who has insight and inside information regarding what you are trying to accomplish. A proposal looks promising.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Take a closer look at your relationships, and consider how trustworthy they are. Question anyone who tries to take advantage of you or uses you to get ahead. It's up to you to look out for your interests. 🛇 😂



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CANCER (June 21-July 22): Life is about responsibility as well as providing for your happiness. Consider what brings

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LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Keep moving forward. Today is about completion, stamina, expanding your horizons and staying out of trouble. Refuse to give in to someone trying to push you in one direction or another. Don't feel you have to follow someone's lead. ���

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Settle into what feels right. Too much of anything or anyone will make you anxious and con-

fused. Decide what you want; don't deviate from your plan. A change of environment will do you a world of good. Romance is encouraged. OO

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Visit someone vou haven?4 one you haven't seen for some time. Getting out and sharing information or observing how someone lives or deals with situations will be enlightening and offer insight into vour situation. Revisit an old idea, hobby or friendship. 0000

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Talk to someone you trust. Learn from your mistakes, and spend time putting together a plan that will help you initiate positive lifestyle changes. Discipline, coupled with creativity and imagination, will lead to something new and ex-

citing. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Take a moment to mellow out. If you let your emotions take over, you will end up doing

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Strive for equality, and surround yourself with people who bring out the best in you. A unique concept will inspire you, but be sure to inject your modifications to offset excess. OOO

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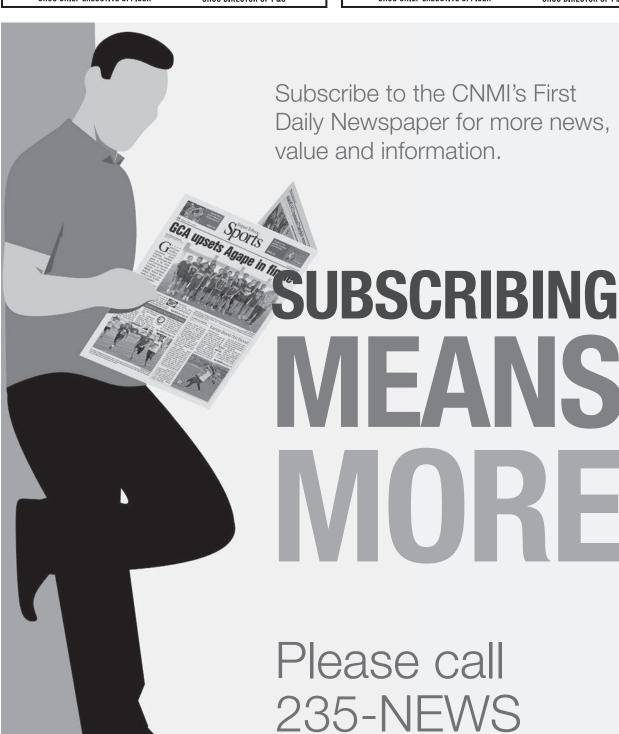
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Strasburg, Nats top Astros, force Game 7

HOUSTON (AP)—It's been an unconventional road to Game 7 of the World Series for Stephen Strasburg and the Washington Nationals.

Seizing the October spotlight he missed out on as a youngster, Strasburg pitched a gem into the ninth inning Tuesday night as the Nationals beat the Houston Astros 7-2 to tie this Fall Classic at 3-3.

Juan Soto ran all the way to first base with his bat following a go-ahead homer, the same way Houston slugger Alex Bregman did earlier.

Yep, these Nationals have matched the Astros pitch for pitch, hit for hit — even home run celebration for home run celebration

Now, it's onto a winnertake-all Game 7 on Wednesday night to decide the only Series in which the visiting team won the first six.

"It's weird, really. You can't explain it," Washington manager Dave Martinez said.

Adam Eaton and Soto hit solo homers off Justin Verlander in the fifth to help the Nationals overcome a 2-1 deficit. Anthony Rendon also went deep and drove in five runs.

"Maybe they enjoy our park and maybe we enjoy their park," said Rendon, who attended high school 4½ miles from Minute Maid Park." We're not going to ask questions."

Max Scherzer, revitalized by an injection of painkiller, is primed to return from an irritated nerve in his neck to start Game 7 for Washington in a Series that has been all road, sweet, road. Scherzer was warming up in the seventh before Rendon's homer, then sat down as Martinez became the first manager tossed from a Series game since Atlanta's Bobby Cox in 1996.

"The cortisone shot worked. That relieved the pressure on the nerve, and then keep apply-



ing heat," Scherzer said. "Our chiropractor, he does amazing work. He was able to go in there and make adjustments. We did two treatments of it and really freed up the neck."

Zack Greinke will start for the Astros, who led the majors with 107 wins and are seeking their second title in three seasons.

"I wish it was in a National League park," Greinke joked, cracking a smile.

Fired up after a disputed call at first base went against them in the seventh, the Nationals padded their lead moments later when Rendon hit a two-run homer off Will Harris. Martinez, still enraged at umpires, was ejected during the seventh-inning stretch, screaming as a pair of his coaches held him back while the crowd sang along to "Deep in the Heart of Texas."

Rendon added a two-run double off Chris Devenski in the ninth to just about seal it after Strasburg gutted through without his best fastball to throw five-hit ball for 8 1/3 innings. Washington pitching coach Paul Menhart told Strasburg after the first inning that he was tipping pitches. Strasburg allowed only three more hits.

"Started shaking my glove, so they didn't know what I was throwing," Strasburg said. "It's something that has burned me in the past, and it burned me there in the first."

Now the Nationals will attempt their ultimate comeback in a year in which they were written off time after time, hoping for the first title in the chise that started as the Montreal Expos and the first for Washington since the Senators in 1924.

Visiting teams have

won three straight Game 7s in the Series since the Cardinals defeated Texas at home in 2011. "I don't think there's a person

in the building that would have assumed that all road teams were going to win," Houston manager AJ Hinch said. "We've just got to make sure that last one is not the same."

Washington rebounded from a 19-31 start—the Nats were given just a 1.6% chance to win the Series on May 23—to finish 93-69. They rebounded from a 3-1 eighthinning deficit against Milwaukee in the NL wild-card game,

a two-games-to-one deficit vs. the Los Angeles Dodgers in the Division Series and a 2-1, fifth-inning deficit in Game 6 vs. the Astros.

Outscored 19-3 at Nationals Park while going 1 for 21 with runners in scoring position, the Nationals got the strong outing they needed from Strasburg, who allowed his only runs in the first inning, struck out seven and walked two while throwing 104 pitches.

"It was a mental grind out there, especially after the first," Strasburg said. "Just got to keep fighting.'

Strasburg was memorably shut down by the Nationals in September 2012 to protect his arm in his first full season following Tommy John surgery, and Washington was beaten by St. Louis in the Division Series.

He improved to 5-0 with a 1.98 ERA in six postseason outings this October—five starts and one relief appearance—despite failing to get a swing and miss in the first two innings for the first time this year. Eight of his nine swings and misses overall came on breaking balls, and Strasburg escaped a two-on, two-out jam in the fourth by striking out Carlos Correa.

After George Springer's one-out double put runners at second and third in the fifth, José Altuve struck out on a curve in the dirt and Michael Brantley hit a hard grounder to second.

"He has an uncanny ability to slow the game down when he's

Sean Doolittle got the final two outs as the Nationals bullpen headed into Game 7 relatively rested.

Verlander dropped to 0-6 with a 5.68 ERA in seven Series starts, a blemish on his otherwise sterling career.

"I didn't really have great feel for the off-speed stuff," he said. "The last inning just a poorly executed slider and then really just kind of a fastball up and in."

Martinez's ejection came after Trea Turner was called out for interference when he ran on the fair side of the foul line and knocked the mitt off first baseman Yuli Gurriel in the seventh following his slow roller. Washington was leading 3-2 at the time and would have had runners on second and third with no outs.

Martinez tried to protest the game Joe Torre, MLB's chief baseball officer, said the long delay that followed—just over 10 minutes—was caused by umpires at Minute Maid Park consulting with the replay room in New York to confirm the decision on the field was not subject to a protest.

Rendon's RBI single through a shifted infield put the Astros ahead in the first, but Houston needed just four pitches to tie the score. Springer lined a fastball off the leftfield scoreboard, at 112 mph off the bat the hardest-hit ball of the Series, advanced on a wild pitch and scored on Altuve's sacrifice fly to left.

Bregman's third homer of the Series put the Astros ahead on Strasburg's 12th pitch. He carried his bat out of the batter's box and tried to hand it to first base coach Don Kelly. only for the bat to fall as Kelly stuck out his hand for a shake.

Verlander's World Series woes continue

HOUSTON—Given another chance to close out a championship for his team, Justin Verlander came up short once again in the World Series.

After surrendering a fifthinning lead by giving up a pair of solo homers to Adam Eaton and Juan Soto in the Washington Nationals' 7-2 Game 6 victory, Verlander is now 0-6 with a 5.68 ERA in seven career World Series starts.

Only one pitcher, Whitey Ford with eight, has lost more World Series decisions than Verlander. And Ford had 10 Fall Classic victories to his credit.

Verlander, who led the American League with 21

wins, lost Game 6 of the World Series for the second time in three years. His Astros teammates, most notably Charlie ing the Los Angeles Dodgers in put away the series. Game 7 of the 2017 Series.

"I thought we didn't talk about record anymore," Verlander joked after the game. "Hey, there's been some good games mixed in with some notso-good ones. I can't point a finger to anything in particular. I'm going out there and trying my best. Just wasn't able to come away with a win."

For the third time this postseason, Verlander wasn't able to close out a series-clinching game. The Tampa Bay Rays

beat him in Game 4 of the ALDS and he lost to the New York Yankees in Game 5 of the ALCS with the Astros Morton, bailed him out in beat-leading 3-1 and the chance to

Dating back to 2017, Verlander has now lost four straight series-clinching playoff games, the longest streak in major league history.

Verlander came into Game 6 of the World Series against the Nationals with the chance to secure Houston's second title in three years.

For the third straight postseason start, Verlander allowed a run in the first-inning. Nationals third baseman Anthony Rendon drove in Trea Turner to

give Washington an early lead. Verlander has surrendered eight home runs this postseason. That ties Clayton Kershaw in 2017 for the most homers allowed in any single postseason, leaving a vexing hole in his resume.

Verlander, 36, has a World Series ring, MVP and Cy Young Award to his credit, along with three no-hitters.

Yet, a personal "W" in the World Series has eluded him.

"Hopefully I get another opportunity," he said.

Maybe out of the bullpen in Game 7 on Wednesday?

"It's a Game 7—all hands on deck," Verlander said. "If (manager A.J. Hinch) asks, I'm sure I'll figure out a way.'

under any duress," Hinch said.

AD stars in Lakers' demolition of Grizzlies



Elgin Baylor, Wilt Chamberlain, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, George Mikan, Shaquille O'Neal—and now AD.

Davis had the fourth 40-point, 20-rebound game of his seven-year career and set a franchise record with 26 made free throws as the Lakers rallied in the second half for a convincing 120-91 victory over the Memphis Grizzlies on Tuesday night.

He joined those Laker greats as LA players to get 40 points and 20 rebounds.

"It's an honor to be on that list with those legends but more important is we got the win," said Davis, who was 26 of 27 from the line. "It was a grind in the first half and my teammates trusted me. I just tried to be a monster on the glass.'

It is Davis' first 40-20 game since 2016. He's the first Laker to do it since O'Neal in 2003.

Davis played only 31 minutes. According to the Elias Sports Bureau, he is the first player to have a 40-20 game in 31 minutes or less since 1954-55. Prior to Davis, the quickest 40-20 game was 33 minutes by Baylor in 1961.

Davis is also the fourth player in league history and first since Michael Jordan in 1987 to make 26 or more free throws.

"This solidifies why we went out and got him. He was big time for us," said LeBron James, who scored 23 points for the Lakers. Los Angeles is off to its first 3-1 start since winning its first eight in 2010.

Davis was questionable two hours before the game due to a right shoulder injury suffered

SHANGHAI (AP)—Already

the FedEx Cup champion and

PGA Tour player of the year, Rory McIlroy has found plenin Sunday's win over Charlotte. He did some dribbling and shooting on the court before being cleared.

Davis had 16 points and nine rebounds in the first quarter but went back to the locker room at the start of the second to get the shoulder checked and re-taped. Coach Frank Vogel thought he might have to go the rest of the game without Davis until he saw him come back to the bench.

"He gutted it out playing in some pain and was dominant. They didn't have an answer and he was terrific,"

"Everyone was playing well," Davis said. "I was just trying to be aggressive. It was a close game until the third quarter. I knew some of their players were in foul trouble and tried to get them out of the game. "

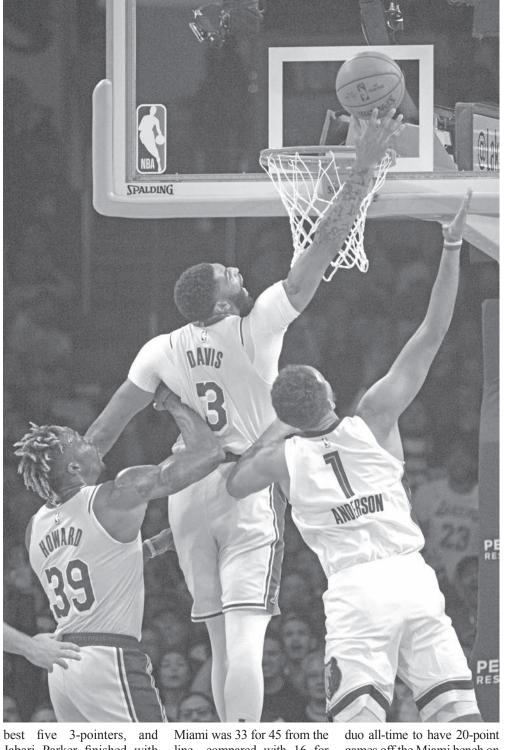
Heat 112, Hawks 97

In Miamim Jimmy Butler made his first four shots and scored 21 in his Miami debut, rookie Tyler Herro scored 29 and the Heat defeated Atlanta in a game where Hawks star Trae Young left early in the second quarter with a sprained right ankle.

The 19-year-old Herro had a 19-point second quarter for Miami, while fellow reserve Goran Dragic scored 21. Bam Adebayo had 17 points and 10 rebounds for Miami and Kendrick Nunn finished

Young left with 9:56 remaining in the first half, turning his ankle when he landed on the foot of Miami's Justise Winslow. The reigning Eastern Conference player of the week-who had 102 points in Atlanta's first three games-finished with five points in 11 minutes.

John Collins scored 30 for Atlanta, including a career-



Jabari Parker finished with 12 for the Hawks.

Butler missed the first three games of the season while celebrating the birth of his daughter Rylee. He was 5 for 11 from the floor, and went 10 for 15 from the line. As a team,

line—compared with 16 for 24 by Atlanta at the stripe.

Herro set a Heat record for points off the bench by a rookie, topping the mark of 28 set by Michael Beasley on March 4, 2009. And Herro and Dragic became the ninth Heat games off the Miami bench on the same night.

Mavericks 109, Nuggets 106

In Denver, Maxi Kleber had 14 points, seven rebounds and a key block late to help the Los Angeles Lakers forward Anthony Davis, center, tips the ball to score over Memphis Grizzlies forward Kyle Anderson, right, during the first half of an NBA game in Los Angeles, Tuesday, Oct. 29, 2019.

Mavericks beat the Nuggets.

Nine Mavericks players scored in double figures on a night their two top scorers were held in check. Luca Doncic scored 12 points and Kristaps Porzingis had 10 points and 14 rebounds.

Nikola Jokic had his second triple-double of the season, with 10 points, 10 rebounds and 10 assists, and Paul Millsap had 23 points and eight rebounds. Will Barton scored 19 but it wasn't enough to prevent Denver from losing its first game of the season.

The Mavericks rallied from 11 down in the third quarter on the strength of their support players. They did most of their damage after Denver took a nine-point lead late in the third quarter. Tim Hardaway Jr., who finished with 14 points, hit three 3-pointers and Dorian Finney-Smith two during a 30-10 run that gave Dallas a 103-94 lead midway through the fourth quarter.

The Nuggets chipped away at the lead and got within 107-106 on Gary Harris' 3-pointer and appeared to take the lead with 1:05 left when Maxi Kleber was called for goaltending on Murray's layup.

Dallas coach Rick Carlisle challenged the call and it was overturned after review, keeping Dallas ahead 107-106.

Doncic hit a driving layup and Jokic lost the ball out of bounds with 29.2 seconds left. After Doncic missed two free throws, Jamal Murray missed everything on his 3-point attempt with 3.8 seconds left.

McIlroy looking to end great year on big note into next year."

ty of motivation toward the back end of the year. Most of it is geared toward

reaping rewards next year. McIlroy is coming off a tie for third last week in Japan, a tournament he was never going to win after a bad start. He still managed his 17th top 10 of the year out of 23 tournaments worldwide, inching a little closer to Brooks Koepka at No. 1 in the world.

"I don't think I'll get there by the end of the year," Mc-Ilroy said Wednesday at the HSBC Champions, the final World Golf Championships event of the year. "But if I play well the next few weeks, I'll have a great platform going

He is the leading figure at Sheshan International, where the field is slightly weaker than years past because Koepka and Dustin Johnson, two
narrowing the gap.

WGC event, though he
narrowing the gap. regulars at the HSBC Champions, are home in Florida recovering from knee issues.

Koepka will not play another official event the rest of the year. He withdrew from the CJ Cup in South Korea when his foot slipped on a piece of wet cement leaving a tee box and he planted hard with his left knee, which had received stem cell treatment during his offseason.

He chose not to play the Hero World Challenge in the Bahamas, and still to be deter-

mined is whether he plays the Presidents Cup. McIlroy has the HSBC Champions and the DP World Tour Championship

McIlroy started

the year at No. 8 and moved up to No. 2 through his three victories, including The Players Championship and Tour Championship, along with runner-up finishes in two World Golf Championships.

"I've achieved most things that I've wanted to this year," McIlroy said. "Just want to finish the year off strongly because I feel the year that I've had deserves a finish like that."

What he didn't achieve

was winning a major, making it five years since his last major tile. He also has gone four years since capturing a

> them this year—run ner-up to Johnson in Mexico and Koepka in Memphis, a bitter

loss in the fourth round to Tiger Woods in Texas at the Match Play.

Xander Schauffele is the defending champion at the HSBC Champions, and he'll try to win again without much of a voice. Schauffele got sick during the ZoZo Championship in Japan last week and withdrew from the pro-am Wednesday to try to be in fighting shape.

The field also features resurgent Hideki Matsuyama, who tied for third in South Korea and was runner-up to Woods last week before a frenzied gallery in his native Japan; and Justin Rose, who also wants to finish the year strong for other reasons.

Rose, who was No. 1 in the world for the opening two months of the year, has gone the opposite direction of McIlroy. He is at No. 8, and hopes to get back on track at the tournament where he rallied from eight shots behind to win in 2017.

He is at No. 29 in the Race to Dubai, a long shot to win, although he was quick to point

out that was the position he was in two years ago. He won in Shanghai, he won the following week in Turkey and nearly pulled it off in Dubai.

"I've probably got to win the last three to challenge the guys that are doing really well, but that's the situation I put myself in 2017 and I very nearly did it," Rose said. "Looking forward to going back to the well and trying again."

One change this year for Rose is his travel schedule. Unlike 2017, when he played two weeks, flew home to the Bahamas and then returned to Dubai, he is going to London after two weeks to ease the wear-and-tear of travel.

The HSBC Champions is the last chance for players to audition as wild-card picks for the Presidents Cup.

Ravens QB eyes to end Belichick's streak



LAND—Five quarterbacks were selected in the first round of

the 2018 NFL draft, an expected wave of next generation signal callers for the league.

The guy who has ruled the NFL in recent past (six Super Bowls in 19 seasons), present (his New England Patriots are 8-0) and possibly long into the future (he isn't ruling out coaching into his 70s) lives under a hoodie in Foxborough and is decidedly old generation.

So far, when Bill Belichick meets the quarterback kids the same few things keep happening. The Patriots win, the young guy puts up bad stats and there is general confusion and dismay as it all plays out.

"I'm seeing ghosts," New York Jets OB Sam Darnold said of Belichick's defense during his recent 33-0 loss to New England. He isn't alone.

Belichick has now faced the top four picks in that 2018 draft — Baker Mayfield (No. 1 pick, Cleveland), Darnold (No. 3, Jets), Josh Allen (No. 7, Buffalo) and Josh Rosen (No. 10 Arizona, but traded to Miami, where he faced the Patriots in relief).

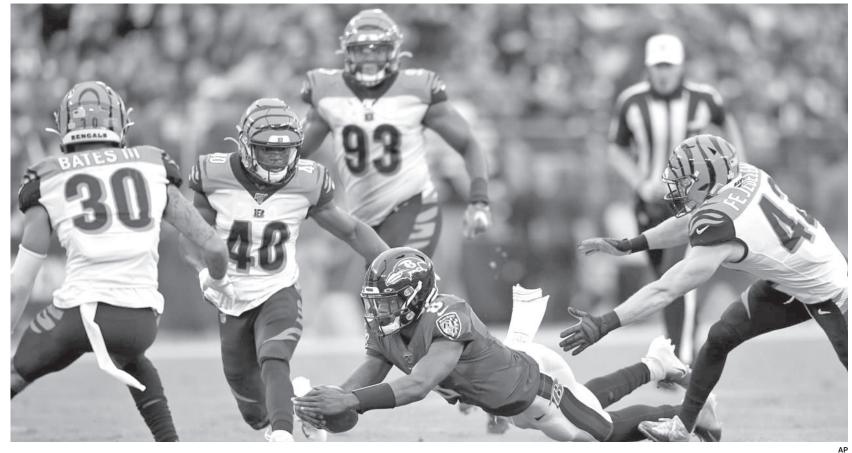
He's 6-0 against them, by a scoring margin of 181-38.

Now comes No. 5, Lamar Jackson of Baltimore, who went last among the group and last in the first round, but has delivered the greatest impact on the league.

The 5-2 Ravens are hosting the Sunday night clash and pose the biggest threat thus far to the Pats, who have cruised through a soft early schedule. Much of that is because of Jackson, which has not gone unnoticed by Belichick.

"He's a problem," Belichick said on Monday. "He's definitely a problem."

If the Patriots were play-



Baltimore Ravens quarterback Lamar Jackson, bottom, dives forward during a run as Cincinnati Bengals defenders try to get to him during the second half of a NFL football game Sunday, Oct. 13, 2019, in Baltimore.

ing Foxborough High School this week, Belichick would be declaring the quarterback a "problem," so there is no need to get carried away with what he says. It is what Jackson does that is undeniable.

The Heisman Trophy winner out of the University of Louisville has electrified the league with his dual-threat ability, throwing for 1,650 yards and running for 576.

Belichick has long been masterful at throwing confusing coverages and unexpected blitzes at quarterbacks, especially young ones. New England has won 21 consecutive games against first-or second-year starters, the longest such streak in NFL history.

Against the Pats, the 2018 draft class has completed just 48.8 percent of its passes (87 of 178) for an average of just

152.3 yards a game. They've combined for 11 interceptions and 17 sacks against two touchdowns.

Jackson is a bit different. He arrives with the best team of the group (although Mayfield's Browns aren't lacking in offensive weapons). He also doesn't need to stand in the pocket and try to figure out what Belichick is throwing at him. He can just tuck it and run like few quarterbacks in league history.

"He leads the team in rushing," Belichick said.

Jackson has thrown for 17 touchdowns in his career (in 14 starts) but also added eight rushing scores.

"He's very fast and he's definitely a hard guy to handle," Belichick said. "He's fast and that's a really big problem. A lot of times he just outruns people. I mean, he's got good moves,

too. I'm not saying [he doesn't], but a lot of times he just outruns people with his speed."

Jackson struggled throwing in Sunday's 30-16 victory over Seattle. He more than made up for it by running for 116 yards on 14 carries and a TD. The week before, he ran for 152 yards and a TD on 19 carries while also going 21-of-33 for 236 yards to help defeat Cincinnati.

Like all young quarterbacks, he can see ghosts. In his case, he can also just run away from them.

"Catching him is an issue, especially when he keeps the ball," Belichick continued. "A lot of times he's running against a defensive end and the ends just aren't fast enough."

Belichick will no doubt design something to try to stop Jackson. Watching him on the sideline when New England

is playing young quarterbacks (any quarterback, but especially inexperienced ones) is to sense a shred of joy.

It's a mental mismatch, experience overruling athleticism.

Jackson, like the rest of them, was born in the late 1990s (1997, to be exact). Belichick has been in the league since 1975 and learned the game earlier than that from his father, Steve, who was a longtime assistant at the United States Naval Academy.

Counting his time as Bill Parcells' defensive coordinator for the New York Giants and Patriots, Belichick has been involved in 12 of the 53 Super Bowls ever played (22.6 percent). He's won eight overall, including three of the past five. He has seen it all. He has schemed it all.

Jackson is a massive talent. He's 11-3 as a starter and pilots a legit Super Bowl contender. He's at home.

He may be the one to break the Belichick versus young-QBs streak and stand up for the hyped draft class of 2018.

Then again ... Jackson is often compared to a young Michael Vick. Well, in 2001, Belichick squared off against a young Vick, then just 21. Vick split snaps that day with Chris Chandler to finish only 2-of-9 for 56 yards passing, three sacks, 50 yards rushing and no

scores by ground or by air. New England won, 24-10.

How about a young Randall Cunningham? Well, Belichick, as the Giants defensive coordinator, faced the then Philadelphia star four times during his first two seasons (1985-86). Cunningham completed 40.8 percent of his passes for an average of 57.8 yards a game with one TD and two interceptions. He was sacked 13 times and had an average of 36 yards rushing per game.

The Giants won all four

Who knows, it might be the same Pats gameplan on Sunday.

Williams rejoins **Redskins**; **Talib to Dolphins**

Trent Williams' holdout is over.

The seven-time Pro Bowl left tackle reported to the Washington Redskins on Tuesday, a person with knowledge of Williams' actions told USA TODAY Sports. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak on the move.

Williams, 31, had been holding out from the team since June amid frustrations with both the team's medical staff and his contract. The Redskins opted not to trade him before Tuesday's deadline.

By reporting to the Redskins, Williams is credited with a year toward free agent eligibility. He is signed through 2020, when he is scheduled to make \$12.5 million in base salary.

Meanwhile, the Rams agreed to send cornerback Aqib Talib to the Miami Dolphins.

The Rams will also send a fifth-round pick along with Talib in exchange for a lateround future pick, according to Schefter.

The Rams had already reshaped their secondary by acquiring cornerback Jalen Ramsey from the Jacksonville Jaguars and sending cornerback Marcus Peters to the Baltimore Ravens.

Barty upset by alternate Bertens at WTA Finals

SHENZHEN, China (AP) —World No. 1 Ashleigh Barty was upset by late substitute Kiki Bertens, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4 at the WTA Finals Barty at 1-1, Kvitova on Tuesday.

Bertens arrived at the elite 1-0 going into the last tournament as an alternate, and has suddenly jumped into title contention with the other seven players in the draw. She took the place of Naomi Osaka, who withdrew from the finals on Tuesday with a right shoulder injury ahead of her second roundrobin match.

The second singles of the day went in Belinda Bencic's favor when she outlasted Petra Kvitova 6-3, 1-6, 6-4.

The Bencic win means

all four players in the Red Group are still in contention for semifinals action. The standings have Bencic and at 0-2, and Bertens at round-robin matches. On Thursday, Barty will

will meet Bencic. With little notice she'd be playing, Bertens earned her first career victory over Barty

play Kvitova, and Bertens

in five matches played. Barty, winner of the first set, led by a break twice in the second at 2-1 and 3-2.

"When you give a player of Kiki's caliber a chance to get back into the match not once but twice, she's going to make you pay," Barty said. "That's probably the most disappointing thing. Twice in

the second set I was up a break and wasn't able to consolidate."

Bertens came close to beating Barty in the Beijing semifinals this month, losing in a third-set tiebreaker.

The Dutchwoman arrived in Shenzhen straight from losing to Aryna Sabalenka in the Zhuhai, China, final on Sunday.

"In the beginning I was a little bit struggling," Bertens said. "As the match was continuing, I felt better and better. The movement was getting a bit better. I was starting

to feel the court. I could play a little bit more aggressive, come to the net. "Yeah, I played pretty well

in the end." Bertens broke serve on a fourth break point in the opening game of the third set

and raced to 4-0. Last year, she reached the semifinals in her WTA Finals debut.

Despite the loss, Barty officially secured the year-end No. 1 ranking. She's the first Australian woman to earn that distinction.

Only Karolina Pliskova and Osaka had an opportunity to prevent Barty from finishing the season as the year-end No. 1.

Thunder Darts Impact tops Thursday B Division

By KIMBERLY A. BAUTISTA REPORTER

The 6JMS Thunder Darts Impact ruled the Thursday B Division of the 2019 SEDA Bud Light Dart League after beating Oleia Five-O in the final game in the regular season last Thursday at the Oleai Beach Bar.

The Thunder Darts Impact dominated Oleai Five-O, 13-2, to finish the season with a 309-141 record, five wins ahead of 6JMS Darty Minded (304-146). Joining the two 6JMS teams in the Top 5 are Jonny's Kyodai (278-172),

Proofers (265-185).

6JMS Thunder Darts Impact notched an easy win in

its last game in the regular season after sweeping the singles regular cricket and taking three wins in the 301 double in/double out,

one each in the wildcard cricket and team 1101 double in/double out, and two in the Bermuda Triangle.

Bobby Delon Guerrero, Gaius Gille, and June Orencia prevailed in the 301 double in/double out for the Thunder Darts Impact, while Orencia got the sole win in the wildcard

Bandits (267-183), and 80 cricket. Orencia then teamed up with Rowell Alpario in ruling the partners 501, while Deleon and Gille lorded it over in Bermuda Triangle.

> Meanwhile, other teams that joined the Thursday B Division competition were Uncle Mel's No Fear (252-198), Jonny's Serial Killaz (245-205), Jonny's Ridin' Darrty (224-226), Oleai Na'Gupu (224-226), Jonny's Parakevu (224-226), 6JMS Rektify (222-228), Uncle Mel's Twisted Tribe (205-245), Oleai Five-O (184-266), Jonny's Real Deal (178-256), Jonny's Just4Fun-Jump It (118-332), and Uncle Mel's Dartaholiks (101-349).



Members of the 6JMS Thunder Darts Impact pose for a photo before their game against Oleia Five-O in the Thursday B Division of the 2019 SEDA Bud Light Dart League last Thursday at the Oleai **Beach Bar.**

TanHoldings 1 routs Hawaiian Rock

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TanHoldings 1 triumphed over

Hawaiian Rock, 69-53, in the lone game played in the 2018 JP World Corp. Customer Appreciation Basketball League

last Tuesday at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium. After losing a double-digit lead in the third quarter, Tan-Holdings 1 ran away with the 16-point winning margin, as it drilled four triples in the

Rock to four field goals. Elmer Esdrelon hit two trevs, while Adonis Macoto and Rex Dimafelix made one apiece to hand TanHoldings 1 the easy win.

fourth and held Hawaiian

Esdrelon finished with 14

points, while Macoto also had double figures with 10. Ron Labadan top-scored for Tan-Holdings 1 with his 16 markers.

Labadan found his rhythm early, as he delivered 8 points in the first quarter to lift Tan-Holdings 1 to an 18-11 lead. Macoto, Edrelon, Dindo Pablo, Mark Obnerga, and Joseph Villamena also made baskets for the team in the opening canto, while only Dondi Pulga logged more than one field goal for Hawaiian Rock.

TanHoldings 1 then increased its advantage to 11 at the break, 36-25, behind Esdrelon's 6 points and the combined 8 markers of Jun Alipio and Pablo.

At the resumption of the match, Hawaiian Rock tried to bridge the gap and had some success, as it moved within 8, 50-42. John Sinang and James Reyes teamed up in trying to bring Hawaiian Rock back into the game after scoring 6 and 5 points, respectively, in the third canto.

Reyes then hit Hawaiian Rock's first basket in the fourth period, but that was it for him and his squad, as TanHoldings 1 began converting long shots to regain the double-digit lead.

TanHoldings 1 69—Labadan 16, Esdrelon 14, Macoto 10, Pablo 8, Alipio 6, Nonato 5, Dimafelix 3, Villamena 3, Obnerga 2.

Hawaiian Rock 53-Reyes 19, Pulga 9, Sinang 8, Cruz 7, Janay 7, Ayeras 2, David 1.

Scoring by quarters: 18-11, 36-25, 50-42, 69-53



TanHoldings 1's Adonis Macoto, left, draws a foul on Hawaiian Rock's Levi Janay during their game Multipurpose Gymnasium.

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Agape, 5-4; Hopwood 2, 24-12; and Hopwood 1, 10-13.

In other results, Mt. Carmel outplayed Hopwood 2, 22-8, in their match last Monday, while Dandan 2 prevailed over Mt. Carmel, 20-19, and Hopwood 2 topped Dandan 1, 16-10.

All eight teams must be at

the MHS Gymnasium before 9am, as league organizers would like to stay on schedule, according to PSS Athletic Program director Nick Gross. He added that food service will be provided for all participating students with breakfast at 8am and lunch at 10:30am.

Gross also calls on team officials to refrain from protesting to game officials, as not all violations will be called to keep the matches moving as smoothly as possible. Coaches are encouraged to make sure their students are hydrated throughout the day, as the MHS Gymnasium is still without air-conditioning.

"Please bring adequate amounts of water, as the water available in the hallway is specifically for MHS. Should it run out, it will not be replaced," Gross said.

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rol Peredo (4.6). In the steals department, Schmidt is ahead of Caravan's' Syd Quan (4.6), MS Villagomez's Matt Richardson (4.5), Santos (4.5), and Bridge Capital, LLC's Pete Lizama (4.3).

Meanwhile, The Game's Mac Mintac is still the league's scoring leader, while Mystique BBO's Jetzen Jandoc and Caravan's Alex Standish are the top rebounders in the league.

Mintac's average of 25.3 points in seven games paces the 24.5 of TanHoldings' Kerwin Dayao, 24.3 of Caravan's

Ken Viray, 21.8 of Jandoc, and 21.5 of Bridge Capital's Freddie Pelisamen.

In the rebounds department, Jandoc and Standish hold similar averages of 12 to place ahead of TanHoldings' Michael Torregosa (11.9), Caravan's Josh Andrew (11.4), and IT&E's Paulo Rafols (10.6).

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the 70th minute to finish the close match with four goals. His three other goals were registered in the 30th, 37th, and 56th minute, while Skyler Poon contributed one with his conversion in the 58th.

Markus Toves knocked in a pair for Kanoa, scoring in the 48th and 55th minute, while Jim Kurt Maniago, Brian Lubao, and Andruw Omelau found their target in the 27th, 35th, and 39th, respectively.

CO-ED U12 TanHoldings 5, Kanoa 2

TanHoldings is likely to win the co-ed U12 division crown, too after sweeping the first two rounds of the three-round robin competition.

defeated TanHoldings Kanoa last Saturday for a 6-0-0 record, two wins ahead of Kanoa. The division leading team has three games left and will need only a draw in one of it remaining matches to secure the season championship.

Mark Ryan Costales had a hat trick for TanHoldings after lighting up the board in the 16th, 28th, and 42nd minute, while Kaithlyn Chavez added a brace (48th and 52nd minute).

Tyler Omelau made both goals for Kanoa after scoring in the 61st and 66th minute.

Shirley's 3, MP United 3 Jayvin Bisek drilled a pair of



TanHoldings Football Club's Tamia Hix, left, tries to beat Kanoa Football Club's Isaiah Chargualaf to the ball during their co-ed U12 division game in the 2019 NMIFA Fall Youth League last Saturday at the NMI Soccer Training Center in Koblerville.

NMIFA Fall Youth League

TEAM STANDINGS (As of Oct. 30, 2019)							
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goals for Shirley's FC, including the game-tying one in the 45th minute.

Jayvin's other goal was delivered in the 34th minute, while his brother Jurvin scored Shirley's first in the 25th.

Miles Linden tallied all three goals for MP United with his first two registered in the fifth and sixth minute and the last in the 16th to complete an early hat trick.

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TanHoldings secures U18 crown



By ROSELYN B. MONROYO

anHoldings Football Club has clinched the boys U18 championship and zeroed in on the co-ed U12 crown with still a few games left in the 2019 NMIFA Fall Youth League.

TanHoldings topped Matansa, 5-2, day at the NMI Soccer

spring season champion MP United (3-1-3).

Only two playing weeks are left in the three-round robin competition and there is no way that MP United could catch up with TanHoldings in the team standings. TanHoldings will have its last two matches against Kanoa on Nov. 1 and MP United on Nov. 8. MP United's other game is versus Matansa tomorrow.

Taka Borja and Mark Esalan

scored two goals apiece in Northern TanHoldings' division in the boys U18 division game last Frihit the board in the

Training Center in Koblerville 13th and 72nd minute, while for a 6-1-0 win-draw-loss re- Esalan's goals came in the cord—three victories ahead of 69th and 75th, and John Paul Cruz recorded the other goal for TanHoldings. Brandon Tenorio and Razeff Altamirano posted the two goals for Matansa, which is still searching for its first win this season.

MP United 5, Kanoa 5

The other game in the boys U18 division ended in a draw.

John Michael Rojas made the equalizer for MP United in

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Schmidt leads MIBL in assists, steals

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game is in full display in the ongoing 2019 Atkins Kroll Marianas International Basketball League, as he is ahead in the assists and steals

aged double figures in scoring. The Saipan Vegas guard averaged 7.4 assists and 7.3 steals in seven games, helping his squad win its first eight games to move one victory away from sweeping the regular season. Saipan Vegas will go for a sweep next week when it faces MS Villlagomez in the last game in the elimination round.

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After seven matches (Saipan Vegas did not play in its eighth match, as it won via forfeit against Aqua Resort Club last weekend), Schmidt registered 52 assists and 51 steals. He also has collected 96 points for an average of 13.7 per match, scoring in twin digits in six of the seven games he played, and recorded 54 rebounds (7.7 average).

Joining Schmidt in the Top 5 of the assists leaderboard are his teammate Coby Santos (5.5 average), AK Toyota's Jeff Borja (5), Aqua's Kristian Itaas (5), and IT&E's Er-

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Saipan Vegas' Douglas Schmidt, right, drives baseline against The Game's Mak Mintac during their match in the 2019 Atkins Kroll Marianas International Basketball League early this month at the Marianas High School Gymnasium.

GCA gets top seed in middle school caging

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Grace Christian Academy earned the top seed in the playoff round

of the Public School System Interscholastic Girls Middle School Basketball League after sweeping the regular season vesterday at the Marianas High School Gymnasium.

The Lady Eagles defeated Mt. Carmel School, 7-5, to finish the preliminaries with a perfect 7-0 record. The Lady Knights ended up with a 5-2 mark to get the No. 2 seed.

Four more matches were played in the last day of the regular season yesterday and results (unavailable at press time) will determine the rankings of the six other teams. Pending the final standings, Hopwood Middle School 1 is at third with its 4-2 slate, and is followed

Christian School (3-4), Dandan Middle School 2 (3-2), Dandan 1(1-5), and Tanapag Middle School (0-6).

The single-elimination play-

offs will take place this Saturday with the following pairings in the first round: 1vs 8; 2 vs7; 3 vs 6; and 4 vs 5.

Meanwhile, before beat-

ing MCS, GCA also won against Dandan 1, 32-8; Dandan 2, 15-13; Tanapag, 31-3;

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Grace Christian Academy defenders hound a Mt. Carmel School player during their game in the Public School System Interscholastic Girls Middle School Basketball League yesterday at the Mariby Hopwood 2 (3-4) Agape anas High School Gymnasium.